12th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

University of Leeds Pre-16 Roadshow Partnership
Faculty of Medicine and Health

Forge Valley have been invited to be a partner school with the University of Leeds in a pre-16 medicine and health programme. The programme is designed for pupils who may eventually wish to follow a career in medicine, dentistry or a range of health professions such as midwifery and nursing.

The programme will involve between 20-30 Forge Valley pupils and will consist of the following:

Year 7 and Year 8
Over the course of Key Stage 3, pupils are visited a total of six times; three visits in Year 7 and three in Year 8. They are provided with taster sessions that will introduce them to the world of medicine and health. Through the interactive 45 minute sessions, members of the team and Education Outreach Fellows will inspire pupils to consider their future career options. Hopefully this will raise their aspirations to study at a research intensive university such as the University of Leeds.

Year 9
Pupils are visited once in the autumn term and again in the spring. They are introduced to new areas of medicine and health during interactive taster workshops. Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the university for a Subject Taster Day during the summer term to have an immersive experience on the University of Leeds campus.

Year 10 and Year 11
As this is a busy time for pupils, they are visited once in Year 10 and again in Year 11. Areas such as stress management and revision techniques are covered in sessions developed with members from the School of Psychology. This helps to ensure that pupils have the very best chance of succeeding in their examinations.

We feel this is a great opportunity for pupils and provides them with an excellent pathway through school and sixth form to study science and health related courses before embarking on university courses.

Because of the funding the University of Leeds receive to run the programme there is pupil eligibility criteria.
Pupils must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- In receipt of Free School Meals
- Live in an area defined as having low progression rates to university. This can be checked here: [http://www.leeds.ac.uk/projectleeds/info/128005/applying/232/postcode_search](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/projectleeds/info/128005/applying/232/postcode_search)
- Do not have a family history of higher education (defined as neither parent having attended university). Please note that for this scheme, a pupil will still be counted as having no family history of higher education if parent/s attended university as a mature student.

If you wish for your child to be part of this scheme please complete the reply slip below and return to their form tutor. All slips must be returned by Tuesday 24th October 2017 and in the event that the scheme is oversubscribed pupils will be selected for the scheme by ballot.

Yours faithfully,

Joe Boynton
Post 16 Year Manager