

12 February 2025 **TCAT Learners Conference 2025**



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Dear parent / carer

TCAT Shaping Positive Futures Learners' Conference 2025: Aspiration – The University of Hull

We would like to invite your child to take part in the TCAT Learners' Conference to be held at The University of Hull. The conference will take place on Thursday 27 February from 9.30am – 2.15pm. Students attending should arrive at school as normal and a coach will then take them to the University. They will return by coach and are scheduled to return for the end of the school day. Students in Years 9-11 are required to wear their full school uniform; student in Years 12 are asked to wear appropriate attire as they would wear in Sixth Form on a normal day.

We will be taking 34 students from Hessle High School & Sixth Form College who will join 180 students from across The Consortium Academy Trust, with the ages ranging from 9-18. As delegates, students will represent the school and our ambassadors at this event. One of the Trust values is Aspiration, and our aim is to shape positive futures for our learners. The conference will provide a fantastic chance for our learners to explore the university and the opportunities available to them.

Delegates will listen to a keynote speaker, will take part in workshops and will have the opportunity to visit key buildings at the university such as the Library and Sports Centre. The theme of this event is 'Aspiration'. Each delegate will receive an age-appropriate book linked to this theme in their delegate bag along with a range of other items. There will be photographers and film capturing the day.

Delegates will also receive a lunch 'Grab bag' including a sandwich and a packet of crisps but it might be that they wish to supplement this with extra snacks (please note **we are a nut free school,** and we request that no nuts are consumed on trips and visits). Please can students bring an additional drink/water bottle with them. Please also highlight any dietary requirements via the Arbor portal.

We would like to make it clear that this place is offered subject to there being no serious disciplinary action taken against your child prior to the visit. We reserve the right to remove places on the grounds of poor behaviour and/or health and safety. Any student accepted on a trip who is later suspended by the school for any reason may lose their place. All students will be expected to adhere to our behaviour policy.

To confirm your child's place, please log into the portal and search for Activities/Trips. By doing this, you are consenting to your child attending this trip.

If you have not yet activated your parent portal account, please click here

The deadline for consent is 3:00pm on Friday 14 February.

Unfortunately, if consent is not required by this time, your child will not be able to take part.

We hope the event impacts on young people's confidence and supports them in shaping positive futures. It certainly promises to be an exciting and remarkable event.

If you have any questions, please contact us on office@hessleacademy.com

Yours faithfully

Mr V Groak Headteacher