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Dear Parent/Guardian

The application process is now open for next summer's Nuffield Research Placements. These provide any post 16 pupil studying a STEM course the opportunity to work alongside a professional scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician *.

Glenlola has supported the applications of students in the past and feedback from their experience has been very positive. Last summer, one of our AS Biologists took up a placement in a Queen's University Biochemistry lab. Her research involved synthesising Vitamin C and investigating the success of a variety of delivery methods to candidates. The practical, real world, laboratory skills and the production of a dissertation level report provided an excellent insight into this career area and has greatly helped to inform our student's thoughts on her future options.

Placements are 4-6 weeks long and provided in a local region, through a variety of providers. The application process is strict and pupils will only be eligible to apply if they fulfil certain criteria, designed to improve the opportunities of less privileged applicants.

If a student is interested in applying, we have been asked by the organisation to assess their eligibility prior to the Nuffield representative coming in to make a presentation.

In order to determine if your daughter/child is eligible for a 4-6 week Nuffield Research Placement next summer could you please read the criteria below and tick the appropriate box. If your daughter/child meets any of the criteria below then they are eligible to apply.

For a £100 per week bursary

1. From a home with a combined income below £30,000 per year.
2. Are in receipt of, or entitled to, the EMA payment.
3. Are in receipt of, or entitled to, free school meals, or have been in the last six years.
4. Living, or have lived, in local authority care.

For a non-bursary placement

1. First in the family to go University (excluding older brothers or sisters).

Yes, we meet at least one of the above criteria.

No, we do not meet at least one of the above criteria.

Name of student: _____ Name of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Yours sincerely
K Dorman

All data collected will be processed according to our GDPR policy

*** Placement subjects include:**

Astronomy/Astrophysics
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Chemistry
Computing
Earth Sciences
Engineering/manufacturing
Environmental
Forensic
Geography
Mathematics
Physics
Psychology
Social Sciences

Please return completed forms to K Dorman in U36 and for any further information on the NRP
please see:

<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-research-placements>