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Dear Parents / Carers

The Young Reporters Scheme

The English Department would like to offer our Year 10 and 11 students the opportunity to enroll in The Young Reporters Scheme. The scheme runs from September through to April, with students signing up to write eight articles during the eight month period. They are given deadlines to work to and categories to write within and all of their articles are published on the Newsquest Media online newspapers.

During the scheme, students are offered various press events, for which they can compete. At the end of the scheme there is a competition, where students submit their three chosen articles to be judged against other students in their age group. There is an Awards Ceremony at the end of June, where the winners are then publicly announced for that year. The two Top Reporters of each year group also go on to become the faces of the scheme for the following year. Whether your child wins a prize at the end or not, this scheme is a great addition to college and UCAS applications or to put on a CV.

Throughout the scheme students are given plenty of free additional opportunities to compete to win tickets to attend. There are theatre tickets offered for students to attend press nights and they are able to watch performances and then write up about them. A host of events are also accessible to our Young Reporters, and lots of interviews with professionals and celebrities are on offer. All of these can be applied for throughout the eight months.

Winners will be given the opportunity to attend a London university for the day. They will spend the day with university students and lecturers, learning about what is involved during the course and then will create a mock newspaper with their peers. It is a great experience, especially for those who are keen to pursue a career in journalism, as they will get the chance to ask questions to those currently studying it and the lecturers.

The cost of your child participating in The Young Reporters Scheme is £30. If you would like your child to participate then could you please complete the google form below by Thursday 3rd October.

<https://forms.gle/T6PL4HsyG9ab5ga99>

If you are unable to access Scopy please email: finance@mhs.school for assistance. **We do not want finance to be a barrier to participation.** If this payment presents difficulties for anyone, please contact our school finance teams to discuss a payment plan using the email address above.

Yours faithfully,

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