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Dear Parent/Carer,

**KS5 Team Up Programme**

I am writing to inform you that next term we will be offering a ten week enrichment programme for Sixth Form students, on Mondays after School, in partnership with the organisation Team Up. The programme will involve Sixth Form students tutoring English or Maths to their peers in Year 10. Over ten weeks, participants on the programme will attend weekly 90 minute sessions to improve, not only the academic attainment of the students, but also their confidence and engagement.

Team Up are an educational charity that work across London to provide academic support, in the form of tuition programmes, to school students who may not normally be able to afford extra help. Sixth Form students are eligible to gain a place tutoring on the programme, and in addition to aiding the education of their peers, they will have the opportunity to improve their skills and bolster their UCAS applications.

Universities and future employers are looking for more than just good grades, and this programme is an opportunity for students to broaden their demonstrable experience. In particular, students will have access to:

- a career/UCAS mentor from an industry of their choice, with whom they can have four sessions over six months
- a personal reference
- leadership seminars on topics such as productivity, UCAS applications and leadership
- logged volunteering hours
- A leadership qualification accredited by the Schools, Students and Teachers Network (SSAT)

Places on the programme are limited and it is advised that students apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. First, they will need to fill in an application form at [www.teamup.org.uk](http://www.teamup.org.uk), stating Rickmansworth School as their preference. The deadline for this is 16 March. The second stage of the application process is an interview at Rickmansworth School on 22 March. Successful applicants will receive training on 22 April and begin the programme on 23 April.

If you have any questions about the programme or want to find out more, please feel free to get in contact with Tom Shering, the volunteer manager at Team Up, at tom.shering@teamup.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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