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The team from Aspire Higher (Uni Connect) works with Weston Favell Academy to help bring information about higher education to young people and their families, so that young people can make informed choices about their future. Did you know that you can do an apprenticeship at degree level? Or that university isn't the only place you can study and a degree isn't the only qualification in higher education? Or perhaps you'd like to know more about how Student Finance works, especially how the repayments work and why they aren't going to have a negative impact on your young person?

We'd like to answer your questions, so we're inviting you to our first Pie and Mash event on January 24th 2023 at Far Cotton Community Centre, Towcester Road, Northampton, NN4 8 XY from 5.30pm – 8pm. As well as some amazing food, we have some fabulous speakers for you to talk to you about higher education. You will be able to hear from and talk to speakers about apprenticeships, student finance, a parent who has a child at university as well as hear from a student (who is the first in his family to go to university) about his journey and the how he overcame the barriers he met along the way.

There will be food (vegetarian option available), hot and cold soft drinks, and good conversation for you, your young person and their siblings. As this is the first event, we're inviting Y11 students and their families to join us. Please let us know if you have any food allergies and which option (vegetarian or meat pie) you'd prefer. Let us know too if you need transport to the Far Cotton Community Centre and back at the end of the evening.

To reserve your place(s), please email <u>rachel.hooper@northampton.ac.uk</u> by Friday 13th January 2023.

Regards

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