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Dear Parent

The English department value literacy and are promoting digital literacy and journalism by joining the nationwide programme called the BBC School Report. This high profile initiative will give students an opportunity to gather and report newsworthy topics through our school website. Our school website will be linked to the BBC School Report website.

We would like to offer your child the opportunity to continue Uxbridge High School's legacy by participating in the BBC School Report and become part of the team. We want students to be able to access the news and differentiate between fake and real news and read with a discerning mind. Students will be introduced to the idea of writing for a specific audience, and will also be taught about the sources journalists use in order to make sure their reports are truthful and accurate.

Students will be off timetable for a few lessons over two days, one in January (practice day) and then another day in March 2019. Students will be taught how to write news reports within tight deadlines, work as a team, learn about the key concept of impartiality and experience the importance of the three Cs of scripting - being clear, concise and correct.

I would like to meet with the students on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at lunchtime in classroom B8 to share the main principles of the BBC School Report. We will also discuss how to start gathering news over Christmas holidays and encourage students to think about the different types of news platforms.

If you would like your child to take part in the BBC School Report project, please email myself to [shanif@uhs.org.uk](mailto:shanif@uhs.org.uk) to confirm your child's place on the team. Please be aware that your child will be filmed and therefore we also require your consent for their photo/film and articles appearing on UHS website.

To read more about the values and aims, and to see some examples of students' work nationwide, please visit the link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport> or have a look at our work from this year under the news and events section of our school website, under BBC School Report.

Along with this letter is a copy of the BBC consent form which needs to be completed and returned to Miss Hanif as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at [shanif@uhs.org.uk](mailto:shanif@uhs.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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