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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Careers Advice**

I am writing to inform you of what careers support there is on offer to all pupils starting from the end of Year 10.

On Friday 1 July 2016 your son or daughter sat their FutureWise psychometric questionnaire, testing aptitude, interests and personality. This is the first stage in a long programme of careers support and guidance. From the responses to the questionnaire pupils will receive a fully personalised and tailor-made report documenting their strengths and recommended career options. This is then followed up by a series of tutorial lessons which shows the students how to access their reports online and how to get the best out of the FutureWise website. All Year 11 pupils will then take part in a careers interview with an external careers advisor based upon their own ideas and report. Students can access their reports immediately after completing the test, please encourage your son or daughter to share this report with you.

All pupils will then have access to the FutureWise web-space until they are 23. The website is a fantastic resource, allowing parents and pupils to research higher education colleges, university courses, alternative pathways, careers, student finance, gap years, CV creation and options for studying abroad. Finally, students have the opportunity for one last careers interview, normally taken on leaving education and applying for their first job. I have attached a PDF leaflet explaining the programme further. Please do encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of this extensive support.

Further support comes in the form of a Careers Conference on Friday the 7 October 2016. Businesses and associations from a variety of industries will be explaining what it is like to work in that field. Pupils will choose four 35 minute sessions to attend and can seek extra advice at the end of the event.

It is also recommended that students participate in some form of work experience. This could be a full blown week long placement or one or two days working with a family member or friend. Work experience allows pupils to improve their understanding of a certain job and to assess their thoughts and feeling about that industry. It also enhances a pupil's CV giving them more ideas to talk about at interviews to universities or jobs.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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