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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 13 Careers

I wanted to write to update you on how we plan to move forward this term with our careers and progression delivery given the current labour market situation.

We have a well embedded careers programme providing a number of activities and events that connect young people to employers and education providers. However, this year will see a very different picture and we will have to adapt accordingly. There is a significant growth in virtual delivery of events and webinars and we will look to embed some of these into our programme. This could include students accessing resources outside of school hours.

We will endeavour to communicate all events with parents/carers in advance so that you can support your child appropriately. We will also ensure timely information is sent to parents and students informing you of significant resources and deadlines for planning next steps.

This year will undoubtedly be far more challenging for young people making decisions about their futures. The uncertainty around university offers and apprenticeship availability may be causing some anxiety. With this in mind I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of the support we are offering Year 13 this term. In recognition of the importance of making sure students are given every opportunity to make well informed choices at the appropriate times we have created a full programme of support.

All students are now signed up and logged onto the UCAS website and are currently working on their personal statements. Every student will be given an appointment with their tutor over the next fortnight to discuss their progress on a 1:1 basis. A sign-up form is available on google classroom. Those students who are looking at continuing into higher education should research providers directly through their websites. There will be a number of virtual open events coming up in the Autumn term. We will also be spending some time through our citizenship sessions exploring virtual events and webinars. Please note the deadline for UCAS applications is Friday 15 January 2021.

Some students may still be unsure of their plans post 18. Therefore, along with university applications we are actively encouraging students to take some time to register with the National Apprenticeship website. Apprenticeships continue to be advertised through www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/ whereby you can also find the latest guidance for apprenticeships during Covid-19. It is recommended students create an account with alert set ups to receive immediate vacancy details to their inbox.

We will hold an Alternative to Higher Education workshop in November where we will welcome an apprentice from BP to share their experiences and students have been asked to complete the digital apprenticeship workbook assigned to them on their Google Classroom by October half term. Students will also be invited to take part in a mock assessment day in the spring term, covid guidance dependent.

A copy of the Apply booklet has been purchased for every Year 13 student and through our citizenship and tutor programmes we will be discussing these at great length. The Apply booklet is a comprehensive guide to apprenticeships, university and careers for sixth formers. 'Apply 2020' is packed full of completely updated articles on everything sixth formers need to know to make informed choices and outstanding applications as they prepare for life beyond school.



We would further encourage you and your child to make use of the school website careers page, the school newsletter, Google Classroom and Eclips - password: teache87. All of these resources will contain valuable, up to date information that will assist in important decision making for your child.

Adviza will continue to support Year 13 this term on a 1:1 basis with impartial careers guidance. Adviza appointments take place every Wednesday by appointment only. Students should contact either their tutor or Mrs Nicholls to book.

Here are some upcoming virtual events that may be of interest:

What Career, What University Live | 6 & 7 November 2020 - <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/>

National Apprenticeship Show | 2 December 2020 - <https://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/>

College Leavers Show | 1 December 2020 - <https://www.nsclshow.co.uk/>

University Open Day calendar - <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

UCAS Parents Guide www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Marshall.

Yours sincerely,



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