



6 November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pastoral Day

On Wednesday 11 November, the school will be breaking down the curriculum for the day to have a whole school focus around Pastoral. With year 10 now in the midst of their GCSE courses it is a great opportunity to be considering the next steps for post-16. As such, year 10 will be spending this day focusing on careers and preparing for work, with additional sessions on mental health.

In preparation for this day, and to help make it as positive as possible, please could I ask for your support. Please discuss this with your child beforehand, and ask questions about how the day went afterwards. To assist with the discussions with your child Adviza, our careers advisors, have created the "Student Careers Pack". A copy of this is available in your child's year group Google Classroom, as well by following this [link](#).

Adviza have also offered the following activities that students can get involved in now, to help them to make the important post-16 decisions. This is something that a number of students can struggle with, so preparing early is hugely beneficial.

- 1) Checking school and college websites and booking Open Events (most will be virtual at this time)
- 2) Complete Personality quiz: www.16personalities.com
- 3) Completing careers quizzes – see 'Student Careers Pack'
- 4) Getting students to think about their skills and strengths, and link this to careers and what they enjoy – the "Student Careers Pack" and the careers websites listed below can help with this.
- 5) Look at career websites – e.g. www.startprofile.com and/or www.careerpilot.org.uk – they can set up a profile on these and learn more about themselves and careers.
- 6) Students can begin to look at apprenticeships using www.findapprenticeships.gov.uk

I am hopeful that the students will get a lot out of the Pastoral Day and this will assist them in starting their journey towards future destinations, a conversation that I will continue to have with them on a regular basis over the next two years.

Yours Sincerely

Miss B Davies
Head of Year 10