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Dear Parent / Guardian

Maiden Erlegh Trust Virtual Apprenticeship Parent Information Evening

As I'm sure you will understand, due to the current climate we have taken the decision to deliver the Maiden Erlegh Trust Apprenticeship Parent Information Evening virtually this year by uploading pre-recorded presentations to our website, which can be viewed at your leisure.

The presentations and resources mentioned below have been specifically designed for parents to help you to become equipped with the knowledge to confidently discuss the apprenticeship route as a viable option available to young people, either at the post-16 stage or the post-18 stage. It may also be helpful to start having discussions with younger students about the merits of embarking on the apprenticeship route.

Whilst we are aware that the current number of apprenticeship vacancies has decreased since the beginning of the Covid19 pandemic, there are still opportunities available and this route remains an attractive option for those genuinely interested in pursuing it.

The information provided in the presentations is designed to provide you with comprehensive and relevant information about apprenticeships so that young people are able to make informed decisions about their future. Research from Careermap suggests that by looking at potential apprenticeship vacancies, young people can get the best of both worlds. Working in a hands-on environment as an apprentice will help them to become more employable as they will leave with the skills demanded in a competitive job market. The biggest draw for many is the fact that students earn while they learn, but also experience what full-time employment is like and receive a qualification at the same time.

During the virtual presentations, you will be provided with information regarding the ideas behind apprenticeships, where they can take you and how much young people are likely to earn. Please click on the following links to take you to the presentations:

- 1. An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Parents:**
<https://youtu.be/i1Fiv3EwedU>
- 2. A Guide to Searching for Apprenticeships for Parents:**
<https://youtu.be/mN-eUEkizzq>
- 3. A wide range of apprenticeship videos produced by the Young Apprenticeship Ambassador's Network (YAAN):**
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/yaan/ambassadors/>
- 4. A range of current apprentices sharing their experiences regarding life at Thales:**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm3ZgG5_yXU_NCgokS5y8jg
- 5. The Essential Guide to Apprenticeship Support:**
<https://www.maidenerleghtrust.org/attachments/download.asp?file=319&type=pdf>

We will also be sharing the following presentations with students over the next few weeks by uploading the following presentations to their year group google classroom pages:

1. An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Students:

<https://youtu.be/eiHxGLAF--g>

2. A Guide to Searching for Apprenticeships for Students:

<https://youtu.be/mN-eUEkizzg>

Please direct any questions through the school office mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Buck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr R Buck
Trust Lead for Careers and Destinations