



22 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 – Careers, Destinations and Examinations – Upcoming Dates

Year 11 are focusing on preparing for the future, as such we have a lot of exciting opportunities coming up to share with you. We would ask for your support in encouraging engagement from your child during these sessions.

Higher and Further Education Fair – Friday 1 October

On Friday 1 October, the school day will be extended for year 11 pupils until 3:30pm. This is to allow us to escort all year 11 pupils to Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, where they will be able to access the Higher and Further Education Fair. Students will be walked up to Maiden Erlegh School. There will be a variety of sixth form, college and apprenticeship providers at this event offering information about what their establishment can offer students. This is a great opportunity for students to find out more about the future options available to them. As this is such an important opportunity all students will be expected to attend, should your child be unable to attend for any reason I would ask that you inform the school in writing. Students will be able to make their own way home from Maiden Erlegh School once they have attended the fair.

Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 September – Careers Day

During year 10 we planned to run an internal “careers day” for students, however this unfortunately had to be postponed. I am delighted to inform you that we are going to be able to offer this to students on Monday 27 September and Tuesday 28 September. This will be an internal offering focusing on preparing students for the future and offering, amongst other things, real-life interview advice. This has been organised by our work experience company EBP. Students will not be in their normal lessons on these days and therefore will not need to bring exercise books with them. Students will be required to bring with them a notepad, pencil case and wired headphones. The wired headphones are required for the online interviews on both the first and second day, so it is important that students bring these with them as unfortunately we do not have enough for all students.

On these days, students will participate in various careers-based workshops, including interviews and sessions led by different business professionals.

The plan for each day, and a small amount of detail on each session is in the table below.

Monday 27 September

Workshop Name	Content	Course Objectives
People Like Me	People Like Me Quiz and Job Roles	People who are happy are more successful in life and have more longevity in careers of choice. Match your career choice with your personality
Opportunities Through IT	Cyber Safety. Social Media Profiles, AI, Finding jobs online, finding apprenticeships, psychodynamic testing	Using tools to enable you to understand more about what opportunities are available to you.
Effective Communication	Interview Prep Content - Body language/Dress/Embracing Diversity/Speech - Virtual and Face to Face	Over 90% of the impact when meeting new people is based on body language and non verbal communication .
How to be Shortlisted	Interview Prep - Shortlister - create a mini video of 'I am the best candidate for the job' - reviewing the videos, completing an application form	Interview practice is essential preparation for tomorrow mock interviews. With Shortlister you can prepare by listening to your own voice and answers and receive feedback based algorithms
Skills Audit/Personal Statement	Skills Audit	Complete a personal statement to introduce yourself with written communication.
STAR	AAM/Competency STAR	All About Me - Share your strengths, improve your weaknesses. How you can grow as an individual and share your experiences using competency based questioning.

Tuesday 28 September

Workshop Name	Content	Workshop Objectives
Assessment Center	role play, time tasks, group exercises	How to get the most out of your time at an Assessment Center. Understanding exercises, participation and how to prepare. Reflect on a group exercise focus on the criteria used.
Sector Session - Healthcare	HealthReach UoR	Sector Insight to Healthcare
Sector Session - Utilities and Energy	Thames Water	Sector Insight to utility
Sector Session - Pharmaceutical	Bayer	Sector Insight to Careers in Science
Cost of Living	Financial Awareness Cost of Living	It's never too early to learn the value of money, how much things cost, how to plan and budget, salary expectations for different career paths and how much you need to earn to fund your preferred lifestyle.
Mock Interview	10min interview with external volunteer	Virtual Interview scenario

In order for students to participate in the online interviews and other online **sessions student will need to bring in a pair of wired headphones on these days**. Please note that air pods would not be suitable as we need to be able to plug the headphones into the computers. Please could you support by sending your child to school with headphones on these days.

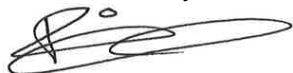
Revision Corridors

Year 11 will have their Pre-Public Examinations from 8 November – 19 November. These are incredibly important and we are doing a variety of different things in school to support students with these, such as revision tips in PSMSC and targeted revision corridor sessions. Subjects will be offering “revision corridor” sessions to targeted individuals. Students will be informed of the sessions that they have been invited to and will be expected to attend these to support their learning. I would ask for your support by encouraging attendance at these sessions as they are highly beneficial. I will communicate with you again regarding revision corridors nearer to the time of them starting.

This is a very important year for year 11 and we want to support the students along their journey and ask for your support and encouragement from home as we navigate this final leg of the journey.

Should you have any questions please contact your child’s form tutor, via the school reception.

Yours sincerely



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