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Dear Parent/Guardian

**‘Trust Virtual Technical Qualifications and Apprenticeships Information Evening for Parents and Guardians’ – Tuesday 7 November 2023 – 6-7pm via Zoom**

We know that navigating post Year 11 and 13 options can be challenging, especially as there are many new qualifications, and apprenticeships have changed significantly from the past.

We are therefore delighted to invite you to our virtual trust-wide ‘Technical Qualifications and Apprenticeships Information Evening’ on Tuesday 7 November, being held from 6 – 7pm, via zoom. We are extremely pleased to be joined by a current Apprentice from PwC (a global provider of consultancy and advisory services for businesses and organisations), who will be sharing his experience of what it is like to be an apprentice, as well as top tips for success through the recruitment process.

In order to attend – we would be most grateful if you could express your interest by completing this google form: <https://forms.gle/jKAcZJ4U51FABS9f9>

Once we have received forms expressing interest – a zoom link will be sent to you in time for the event. The link will likely be sent to you on Monday 6 November 2023.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more information about apprenticeships / attend events involving apprenticeship employers and apprentices – we recommend students signing up to / exploring the following links:

- CTM Pathway: <https://pathwayctm.com/> (host virtual and face to face apprenticeship events with employers and apprentices presenting)
- [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) (host webinars and contain videos and guides about apprenticeships)
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices>
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/> (contains guides, videos, and resources for students, parents, and teachers – see ‘refine results’ section and click on links of interest to you)

We also encourage students in Years 11 and 13 to explore technical qualifications – more often provided by local Further Education Colleges – such as Reading College, BCA in Maidenhead, Henley College, and Bracknell & Wokingham College. Attendance at open events can be very informative with event dates to be found on college websites. Some sixth forms also teach technical qualifications which may be open to applicants in Year 11.

Thank you for your interest and support in these upcoming events. Research has shown that parents/guardians form a significant part in young people’s decision-making around their future career and next steps.

We hope we can in turn support you in understanding the array of technical qualifications and apprenticeships available enabling you to support your young person going forward.

With thanks and best wishes.  
Yours sincerely,

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