

1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the 6th of February we will be holding our annual full school careers day that coincides with National Apprenticeship Week. You can find out more about apprenticeships and different opportunities that will be available on <https://naw.appawards.co.uk/>. The students will be off timetable all day to engage in a range of activities that will encourage them to think about their future. With around 80 external visitors our students will get exposure to a variety of different professions, career pathways and types of workplaces. This event is designed to provide our students with insights into various career paths, empowering them to make informed, impartial decisions about their futures. We believe that exposing students to a diverse range of professions and industries will help them discover their interests, passions, and potential career paths.

**The agenda for the day includes:**

**Year 7-** Students will develop and demonstrate transferable skills, such as communication and teamwork, they will gain knowledge of how transferable skills relate to jobs and careers. They will have exposure to a wide variety of careers including information about apprenticeships.

**Year 8-** Students will have a presentation from the RAF followed by team building activities to build on key business skills such as communication and teamworking. They will hear from a wide range of business volunteers. They will have opportunities to engage and ask questions to find out more about different careers and apprenticeships.

**Year 9** – Students will have a workshop on GCSE options where they will be encouraged to ask questions. Students will develop and demonstrate transferable skills such as communication and teamwork, whilst gaining knowledge of how transferable skills relate to jobs and careers. Students will explore different pathways throughout the day with speakers including, the Army, Three and Oxford University. A group of students will also support the catering for the event, gaining valuable experience of the hospitality sector.

**Year 10-** Students gain an insight through workshops into App development, Manufacturing, Construction, Marketing and IT. They will have exposure to several other industries and have the chance to ask questions and find out more about different careers.

**Year 11 and Sixth Form** - Students will have a bespoke offering where they will have small workshops. A group of students will work with the Army to further develop their transferable skills. Oxford and Reading University will deliver aspirational sessions on going to university whilst Unilever will have activities on apprenticeships. Students will have the opportunity to meet a fire crew and find out more about careers in the service.

The Fire Brigade will be bringing fire appliances on site as part of their session. If in the unfortunate event one of the fire appliances is called to an emergency, they will need to exit swiftly on blue lights. Please be mindful of this especially if you are using the carpark at the end of the day.

Yours faithfully,

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