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Dear parent/carer

Careers Focus Week #1

This week is the first of our 'Careers Focus Weeks' in school, during which your son/daughter will be introduced to relevant and appropriate areas of our Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme. Our CEIAG programme is designed to prepare students for life in modern Britain by providing the knowledge, understanding, confidence and skills that they need to make informed choices and plans for their future learning and career.

Using a range of delivery methods, our CEIG provision is delivered throughout the year in the following ways:

- Assemblies
- Apprenticeships guidance
- Careers Advisor interviews
- Careers Fair
- Careers Focus Week
- Employee encounters
- Enterprise days
- External post-16 providers
- National Careers Week
- Online (e.g START Careers and Springpod)
- PSHE Days
- Taster Days
- Virtual Work Experiences
- Working lunches

This week, pupils in Y7-10 will access careers guidance during form time with their progress tutor and via tasks set on Firefly. Y11 will have opportunities to attend working lunches and during PSHE day on Wednesday will experience a Sixth Form Taster over in the Sixth Form.

The focus for Year 12 and 13 will be the **Spotlight on Virtual Work Experience**, aimed at helping students understand the purpose and value of virtual work experience, find out the best ways to search and apply for virtual work experience opportunities and register with some online providers and search for opportunities.

Students will also be able to access the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** on Wednesday 20th October. This interactive fair, which brings together a wide range of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers, allows students to explore their post-18 options.

[UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fairs October 2021 \(vfairs.com\)](https://www.vfairs.com)

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To maximise the impact of the week, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child to help them to start thinking about their future aspirations. We feel it is important that your son/daughter starts to think about their career ambitions as early as possible to ensure they start on the correct pathway to success.

We are always grateful for any parental support for our Careers programme. If you would like to be involved in our Careers Guidance Programme we would be delighted to hear from you!

Yours faithfully

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