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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the Head of Careers, I thought it might be helpful at the start of the academic year to inform you about the various opportunities available for your children. Our careers programme is constantly being updated and refreshed in response to National and International market trends but there are several common themes which run through Middle School. The varied programme has been put together by myself but is delivered via form tutors throughout the year.

As you might already know, Thursday mornings are designated as “Tutor Time”, which is the opportunity for all tutors to spend quality time with their tutees and to work through the specific careers programme for that term. Some weeks the focus will be the students’ latest period grades and subsequent discussions that leads to target setting. At other times, Housemasters might need to speak to all of their respective houses. This means that at least once a month is dedicated to working through their careers programme. In addition to this, the Careers Room by the library is available for any interested student to explore their options for the future. There is also an assortment of helpful material to aid decision making and a purpose built PC for any relevant online research and access to the Kudos software.

During Year 10, the students build on the work covered during Year 9 and prepare for other aspects of their future. There is a focus on using key skills and keeping a checklist for future C.V. completion. They also continue with the Kudos profiling software. Using this they examine the nature and features of different professions in order to ascertain suitability. They then continue to work through tasks, which will help them in making decisions about their future careers. These tasks include considering their dream job; types of work and using search engines to discover more about jobs/vocations.

Another option for all of our students is to undertake a Morrisby Online careers guidance service, which I’d describe as being an invaluable tool in your future decision making about Sixth Form as well

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as future research into careers and higher education. Morrisby Online is a flexible on-line careers tool based on psychometric assessments, which will help and inspire you to explore different career and education options and get a feel for the opportunities available to you. It costs £25+vat for 2017/8 and you can find out more at: <https://www.morrisby.com/> and sign up at: <https://app.morrisby.com/morrisbypay/code/p4YU4T>

In addition to this, the students start to use the study skills booklet in readiness for their GCSE examinations. If you would like to know more please look at the following: <http://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/Secondary/Other/GeneralStudies/ReviseOther/ISBN/Revision/REVISEStudySkills.aspx>

I hope this gives you a flavour of some of the excellent opportunities available.

Best wishes for the new academic year,

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