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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 11, the students’ focus is to consider what happens post 16+. To assist them in their decision making there is a Careers Conference on 13th October prior to parents’ evening. May I encourage you also to come along and help your son/daughter to make the most of this opportunity. This event seeks to bring in professionals from a variety of careers as well as both Universities and Gap Year providers. In readiness for the event, tutor time is spent planning which delegates they want to talk with. Alongside this, students continue to think about their career choices and they make an individual action plan.

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Students will also continue making decisions on their post 16 options using the Kudos profiling software. If you would like to know more about this, please follow this link: <https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk> then you can use the licence code “aimsquiz07” to create an account.

During the Michaelmas term, PHSE also has a careers orientated focus, with a professional careers adviser from Inspiring Futures delivering talks on “alternatives to university” and “how to choose a university course”. Also during this first term, the relevant subject Heads of Department give presentations to the year group on the different A Level / IB/ BTEC courses the College offers post 16.

In tutor time the Year 11’s continue to work their way through their study skills booklet in readiness for their GCSE examinations. If you would like to know more please consult the following: <http://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/Secondary/Other/GeneralStudies/ReviseOther/ISBN/Revision/REVISEStudySkills.aspx>

Another option for all of our students is to undertake a Morrisby Online careers guidance service, which is described as “an invaluable tool in your future decision making about Sixth Form as well 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 opportunities. 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> 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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