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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 9, the students start to research careers and think about the required entrance grades. We look into the variety of types of jobs available and then we discover the key skills employers are looking for. Later in the year we look into what happens after GCSE’s and the various options that lie ahead including A levels/IB/BTEC/ apprenticeships and diplomas. This is chiefly enabled by using the Kudos profiling software, allowing students to develop their understanding of the links between subjects at GCSE and A Level to potential courses/degrees/careers. Regarding the Kudos software that we use, please do have a look for yourself. If you follow this link: <https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk> then you can use the licence code “aimsquiz07” to create an account.

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In preparation for choosing GCSE options students attend the “Spotlight on GCSE” sessions. Here, Heads of Department take it in turn to inform the students about their subjects. This opportunity takes place in Arts Centre, and students are instructed about the nature of assessment and the intended course content. There is then the opportunity to hear from current GCSE students about how they are finding their subjects and finally a Q&A session.

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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