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Dear Parents,

Careers and Higher Education Evening on Wednesday 13th March 2019, from 6.30pm – 8.30pm

I wrote to you in September with details of Careers events over the current academic year, and I am now pleased to be able to give you further information regarding the Careers and Higher Education Evening to be held in school on Wednesday 13th March, from 6:30 to 8:30pm, and for which a poster is attached.

Students from all year groups, together with their parents, are invited to attend this event, which from this year will be held annually on a themed basis. We do hope that you will come along to meet with representatives from approximately fifty organisations, companies and Higher Education institutions and to hear about opportunities for careers in the Arts, Languages, Humanities, Public Sector, Legal, Business, Finance and Politics sectors. There will also be several companies offering advice on study abroad and gap years.

Many of the organisations offer training schemes and apprenticeships, and will be able to offer advice about the increasing number of alternative routes available, both for post 16 and 18 employment and study, including apprenticeships and sponsored degree schemes. The participating universities and colleges will additionally be able to advise students about study across all subject areas.

The aim of the evening is to raise awareness of career and educational opportunities and to stimulate ideas and inspiration for the future. It will provide students with the chance to find out about careers and courses that they may aspire to, by talking to people with first-hand knowledge and experience. It is a perfect opportunity for students to ask advice about the ways that they can be building up their own skills and experience, to help equip them for the careers and courses that interest them.

The previous careers evening in 2018 was extremely well attended by both students and parents. Due to the large number of organisations taking part, **families are asked to park outside of the school grounds** as the school car park will be full by this point in the evening, with exhibitors' vehicles. We would ask that you use the coach park in addition to on-street parking.

A flier is attached confirming details of the careers which will be represented at the event, and further details of the organisations taking part will appear on the display screens around the school.

Students and parents attending the evening will be given a booklet, with information on each of the organisations represented, together with a floor plan to show where each stand is situated.

We look forward to seeing you in school on the evening of 13th March.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Locke and Bob Walker
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