



30 April 2018

To Parents of Lower Sixth Students

Dear Parents,

### Lower 6th Careers Programme

At the recent Higher Education Evening, held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, Mr Fell updated you on the Lower Sixth programme following the return of students to school after AS level exams, including the provision of careers advice and guidance intended to help prepare students for their futures.

During the remainder of their time in the sixth form it is important that students undertake their own research into careers and courses and make the most of the support and resources available to them so that they are in a position to make the very best choices regarding their post 18 options. Opportunities are planned throughout the year to support the students in their research and I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following:

- **Careers Appointments**

Students are encouraged to arrange an individual careers guidance appointment to discuss their current career ideas or to help them explore a variety of options which they may like to consider before making any decisions about their future career path. They can also have follow up appointments or on-going contact via email. Parents are welcome to attend appointments or to contact me on [lockej@rjponggrammar.co.uk](mailto:lockej@rjponggrammar.co.uk).

- **Morrisby Profiling**

This year we will again be offering Morrisby profiling, as an optional addition to the careers guidance we already provide for all students, at a greatly reduced cost of **£25**. (The price of Morrisby profiling outside school is in excess of £200). The profiling uses psychometric tests to assess a candidate's strengths, interests and other aptitudes. It involves an online test which takes 1 hour 40 mins. The results are then analysed to produce a Profile and Guidance Report which the student will then go through with my support as a Morrisby accredited careers adviser. It may be particularly useful for students who have a wide range of abilities and have not decided which type of career pathway to follow.

**The profiling will take place on Wednesday 20th June** during Enrichment. If you would like your son or daughter to participate please complete the slip below and return to the Careers Department by **Friday 18 May**. **Payment should be made by ParentPay.**

- **Centigrade Analysis**

Many of our former students have found this a useful additional aid in matching their interests and abilities to degree courses and in informing their decisions regarding Higher Education. It involves the completion of an on-line questionnaire and the responses are then analysed and matched with university courses. The results are instant and online, with

suggested courses and institutions and a means to create a student shortlist. It also offers the option to amend grade/tariff levels in order to be able to see which courses would be available if grades are higher or lower. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with me, following completion of the test, in order to discuss the results. In addition to the personalised report, students have access to a Degree Course Descriptions Web-App.

**Centigrade testing is available at a cost of £20 and will take place on Wednesday 13 June** during Enrichment. The length of time is dependent upon the student but will take around an hour to complete. If you would like your son or daughter to participate please complete the slip below and return to the Careers Department by **Friday 18 May. Payment should be made by ParentPay.**

- **Careers and Events Notices.** Students need to regularly check their email for ideas and opportunities to add to their skills and experience and explore career ideas. They include external events such as industry days, leadership courses and university taster courses as well as careers presentations within school. Notices are also posted on Sharepoint.
- **RGS Website.** The careers section of the RGS website is designed to assist students to explore their options and includes pages on higher education, studying abroad, school leaver employment and gap years, with links to recommended websites for further information.

Our careers programme is continually reviewed in order to enhance the information, advice and guidance that we can offer to the students. We are always pleased to hear from parents, whether it is to discuss courses or careers that are of interest to your son or daughter, or if you would like to be involved in the careers programme. If you feel that you, or your organisation, could assist with future events please contact me at [lockej@ripongrammar.co.uk](mailto:lockej@ripongrammar.co.uk) .

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Locke

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I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Centigrade analysis and enclose a cheque for £20:

Student name: .....

Form: .....

I would like my son/daughter to undertake Morrisby profiling and enclose a cheque for £25:

Student name: .....

Form: .....