

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re. National Careers Week – 1st March to 6th March 2021

National Careers Week is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The aim is to provide a focus for careers activities to help inform and support the decisions that young people make on the career paths they want to pursue. This aims to enable students to make well-informed decisions on their future career prospects. National Careers Week runs from 1st to 6th March.

Given the circumstances we have faced through the pandemic, we really encourage our students to participate in the opportunities on offer, This is certainly a time when **hope** for the future and **belief** in the potential of our students to work toward aspirational and fulfilling careers is needed more than ever.

We recognise that, as a consequence of the pandemic, it is natural for young people and their families to experience feelings of worry or uncertainty around future careers. We all wonder whether perhaps career opportunities will be affected by the pandemic, and what that might mean for the future of our young people. We hope the opportunities on offer help to lessen these concerns.

To address careers education head on, we actively encourage families to have conversations about careers and the future, especially this year in these challenging times. We hope parents/carers can support their child in exploring different careers, sparking their curiosity and building hope for their future by talking about careers during National Careers Week. That same encouragement for exploration, alongside our HOPE values and belief in #noceilingstosuccess will help secure the dreams and aspirations of our students.

National Careers Week have some resources to help. These can be found following this link:

<https://ncw2021.co.uk/welcome/start/>

Students are encouraged to investigate:

- The information available on many careers from over 40 National organisations, including the Natwest Group and NHS Healthcare careers;
- The online virtual careers fair: <https://ncw2021.co.uk/>;
- National Careers Week TV: <https://ncw2021.co.uk/>;
- The short 'Believe' film, created to support young people to imagine and believe in their potential;
- The activities available for both primary and secondary school students;

- A short 'Hope' film with useful resources to combat stress and support well-being. This features young people talking about their hopes and anxieties for the future. Well-being advice and practical tips on managing feelings of stress is provided by GP and broadcaster Dr Radha Modgil.

We encourage all of our students to participate in National Careers Week. This will support them in developing an understanding the options that are available to them in the future. We believe that careers education is a key driver to fulfil our aspirations for our community. We know that, in the wider context, this is vital to improve the life chances for our young people and empower them to live 'Life in all its fullness'. Please encourage your child to join in.

Please find attached to this letter a poster about National Careers Week and a parent/carer guide to help you start a conversation with your child on their career options. Please continue to monitor ShowMyHomework for further information on events and activities.

Many thanks.

With my best wishes



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