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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Year 9 – Virtual Careers Inspiration Day – Friday 19 June 2020**

We are writing to inform you about an exciting event planned for Year 9 students. We recognise that the disruption to the normal school timetable caused by COVID-19 has prevented our students from engaging with the careers provision we had planned for the summer term. We have, therefore, developed our Year 9 Virtual Careers Inspiration Day. This event is designed to provide students with a valuable insight into a range of careers within different sectors and industries and to support students in considering and planning for their next steps, in particular the Year 10 Work Shadow Day and the Year 11 Mock Interview Day.

Through information and interactive taster sessions, the event will provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in five different career sectors:

- Public Sector
- Creative Arts and Design
- Science and Technology
- Leisure, Sport, and Tourism
- Accountancy, Banking, and Finance

On Friday 19 June, students will not be set classwork to complete from their subject teachers and we would strongly encourage students to use the available time to engage with the Virtual Careers Inspiration Day activities.

The day will begin with a short introductory presentation of the planned events and the five different industry sectors. This will inform students of the nature of the industry, the range of career opportunities within the sector (especially in relation to the local labour market), and guidance on how to enter the sector (for example: A-Level options, apprenticeships, degrees, and training opportunities). Students will then participate in an immersive house competition to create an exciting end product to present the findings of their research about a career of their choice from one of the industry sectors. All students who choose to enter the competition will receive 3 house points, the runner up for each industry will receive 10 house points, and the winners for each industry will receive 20 house points. Entries can be submitted at any time before Friday 26 June and the winners will be announced via the Google Classroom page on Monday 29 June.

Further information regarding the day will be available on the Year 9 Google Classroom page prior to the event and the resources for the sessions will be posted at 8.00am on Friday 19 June. We will be available via the Google Classroom page throughout the day so that we are able to support students with any questions they may have.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office <a href="mailto:mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org">mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org</a>.

Yours sincerely

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