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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 - Destinations Workshops

I am writing to inform you about the bespoke support and guidance sessions that we will be offering some students in Year 13 in February and March this year.

As the UCAS deadline has now passed, we have now identified those students who have chosen to embark on the university route. We would now like to specifically target and provide personalised support to students who have not applied to university and instead have expressed an interest in pursuing employment, an apprenticeship or gap year schemes as their chosen destination post-18. If your child has applied to university but you feel they would still benefit from these sessions, please do contact me via the school office mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

We will be working with Pathway CTM who will be offering three virtual sessions to students, exploring the careers related themes detailed below. Each session is supported by an employer, who has kindly volunteered their time, so that students can ask specific questions. We will send out zoom invite links for the different sessions to relevant students in due course.

Session 1 – Friday 5 February from 8.45am to 9.45am

Exploring the different options available as a school-leaver - apprenticeships, degree-level apprenticeships, employment and gap year schemes; including how and where to apply.

Session 2 – Friday 26 February from 8.45am to 9.45am

Winning at assessment centres – a step by step guide.

Session 3 – Friday 26 March from 8.45am to 9.45am

Mastering the 1 to 1 interview – phone, online and face-to-face.

Pathway CTM is a double award-winning social enterprise that works closely with schools and colleges around the country, helping students make the best decisions for their future. They help students develop their employability skills by running virtual workshops designed to enhance their 'soft skills', and help them develop their knowledge of the current labour market by making them aware of opportunities for sponsored degrees, internships, apprenticeships and work experience from local and nationally recognised employers as soon as these programmes open.

They also know how important you as parents are in supporting your child through this important period of decision-making, therefore they want to involve you in this process by making you aware of upcoming events and opportunities, so that you can encourage your child to attend/apply for those that may be helpful to them. They do this via a monthly email newsletter which you can subscribe to below.

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Please also encourage your child to sign up to their Free Programme where they can hear directly from CTM Pathway about employer opportunities and gain access to their online resources which include CV templates and more.

Parent mailing list sign up: <u>https://pathwayctm.com/parents/</u> Student mailing list sign up: <u>https://pathwayctm.com/register/</u> Upcoming events for January 2021: <u>https://pathwayctm.com/events/</u>

If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via the school office <u>mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org</u>.

Yours sincerely

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