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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Year 9 – Virtual Careers Inspiration Day – Wednesday 7 July

We are writing to inform you about an exciting event planned for students in Year 9. The Virtual Careers Inspiration Day will take place on Wednesday 7 July.

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 Careers Inspiration Day to take place in a virtual format in school. Students will be based in an allocated computer room for two lessons on Wednesday 7 July. The Virtual Careers Inspiration Day has been 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 – particularly the Year 10 Work Shadow Day, the Year 11 Mock Employer Interview Day and beyond.

The event will provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in five career sectors through informative and interactive taster sessions. Within each sector, students will then be provided with a huge range of different career ideas to explore:

Public Sector  
Accountancy, Banking and Finance  
Creative Arts and Design

Leisure, Sport and Tourism  
Construction and Trades  
Science and Technology

Students who would normally be in English and Mathematics during Lessons 1 and 2 will follow the timetable below:

Lesson	Activity
1	Virtual Careers Inspiration Day
2	Virtual Careers Inspiration Day
3	Normal timetabled lessons
4	Normal timetabled lessons
5	Normal timetabled lessons

Students who would normally be in RP or PE and English during Lessons 4 and 5 will follow the timetable below:

Lesson	Activity
1	Normal timetabled lessons
2	Normal timetabled lessons
3	Normal timetabled lessons
4	Virtual Careers Inspiration Day
5	Virtual Careers Inspiration Day

All students in Year 9 will follow their normal timetable for lesson 3 on this day. When not participating in this event, students will be in normal timetabled lessons and should therefore ensure that they have the relevant materials for these lessons.

The day will begin with a short introductory presentation to the Virtual Careers Inspiration Day 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 five industry sectors. All students who 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.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office [mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org).

Yours sincerely



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