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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 – Virtual Careers Inspiration Day – Friday 17 June 2022

We are writing to inform you about an exciting event planned for students in Year 9. The 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, in particular the Year 10 Work Shadow Day, the Year 11 Mock Employer-led Interview Day and beyond.

The Year 9 Careers Inspiration Day will be delivered in a virtual format, held in school. Students will be based in an allocated computer room for two lessons on the day.

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

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

Whilst exploring these careers, students will have the opportunity to discuss their career pathways and receive advice and guidance from representatives from Microsoft, Deloitte, Thames Water, and Covea Insurance who have kindly offered to support the day.

Students on the 'M' side of the year group will follow the timetable below:

Lesson	Activity
Tutor	Assembly
1	Careers Inspiration Day activities
2	Careers Inspiration Day activities
3	Enterprise Challenge
4	Normal timetabled lessons

Students on the 'E' side of the year group will follow the timetable below:

Lesson	Activity
Tutor	Assembly
1	Normal timetabled lessons
2	Normal timetabled lessons
3	Careers Inspiration Day activities
4	Careers Inspiration Day activities

Due to the timetabling of Year 9, students in the 'M' side of the year group will participate in an Enterprise Challenge during Lesson 3 only to develop their enterprise skills, working in teams to develop a business plan for an event and pitching this through a presentation. During all other lessons, students who are not scheduled to participate in the Inspiration Day will be in normal timetabled lessons and should therefore ensure that they have the relevant materials for these lessons. All students will be on first snack break for this day.

Please encourage your child to listen carefully during tutor time to announcements about the event in the run up to Friday 17 June, as students are responsible for noting down the computer room they have been allocated to complete the activities in.

Students will require a set of headphones to engage with the presentations during the day. Please note these must be headphones which connect via a wire to a computer, not AirPods or other Bluetooth headphones.

The day will begin with an assembly to introduce our employer representatives and the purpose of the day. Once in their allocated room, students will watch a short introductory presentation and hear about 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 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 enter the competition will receive 5 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.

Yours sincerely



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