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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 – Destinations Appointments

I am writing to inform you that we will be offering each student in Year 12 a personalised and impartial 20 minute destinations appointment with our Level 6 qualified Trust Careers Adviser, Mrs Anna Finlason, in preparation for life post-18.

Students have been asked to sign up to the appropriate pathway that best describes their intended destination. Further details of each pathway are provided below. Each pathway has been designed to support, guide and equip students with relevant information so that they can choose the right pathway after they leave Maiden Erlegh School. In addition, each option will provide students with a brief outline of interview and employability skills, the importance of differentiating themselves and a Q&A session.

Pathway 1 University - for students who currently think that university is the right destination for them.

Pathway 2 Apprenticeship - for students who currently think that the apprenticeship route is the right destination for them.

Pathway 3 Gap Year / Employment – for students who currently think that the gap year and/or employment route is the right destination for them.

Pathway 4 Unsure – for students who are currently unsure of their next steps. This will include an overview of all of the different options available to young people after Year 13 and what they can do to help them to decide upon the right destination. The session will provide students with the merits and drawbacks of university, apprenticeships, gap years and employment.

We understand that these are early days and that decisions may change over the next 18 months or so but we would like students to start to consider the different options available to them, so that they can begin to formulate a plan.

Students have been asked to choose an appropriate pathway by completing an online response form, before half term. If your child has not yet signed up for one of these pathways, an email will follow for them to complete this as a matter of urgency, as an appointment cannot be booked until we have this online form completed. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to sign up the most appropriate pathway so that they are able to get the most out of the support and advice available and to ensure that they remain fully informed as they approach Year 13.

To those students who have already signed up, many thanks for doing so, and an appointment will be set up and published in the student briefing, which will be shared with you by your tutor in the morning tutor session.

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If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

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