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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Year 8 – Careers in Healthcare – Thursday 25 January 2024

I am writing to inform you about the Careers in Healthcare event which is planned for Year 8 students on Thursday 25 January 2024, during the school day. The purpose of this event is to provide our students with valuable insights into some of the careers available within the health and life sciences sector. This event is being run in association with Healthreach, an outreach programme operated through the University of Reading.

Students will take part in four interactive sessions as follows:

- **HealthReach in a Box:** Students follow a patient's journey through the health services and learn about the roles of the professionals involved in their care.
- **The Chemistry of Chocolate:** Find out about health and nutrition and become a chocolate taster. Please note that students will be given the option of tasting four different types of chocolate in this session. Any student who is concerned by this activity but would still like to take part is welcome to bring in their own samples to taste, which will be accommodated by those running the session.
- **Science of the Brain:** An exploration of the different aspects of psychology.
- **Communication and Assessment:** Students learn about the role of speech and language therapists.

Each session will be allocated 30 minutes during the normal school day as per the schedule below. Where students are in their normal timetable lessons, books and equipment should be brought to school as usual.

	M side	E side
Tutor	Assembly for the whole year group	Assembly for the whole year group
1	Careers in Healthcare	Timetabled Lesson
2	Careers in Healthcare	Timetabled Lesson
3	Timetabled Lesson	Careers in Healthcare
4	Timetabled Lesson	Careers in Healthcare
5	Timetabled Lesson	Timetabled Lesson

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

Yours sincerely

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