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Dear Parent / Guardian, and Student,

### **Careers appointments and preparing for your next steps after Year 11**

We are delighted that in the upcoming days and weeks, we will be commencing careers appointments for students in Year 10 at each of our Trust schools. These appointments will continue into Year 11 until the Christmas holidays 2024.

We know that the benefits of early preparation for your future career and next steps after Year 11 often include increased confidence, inspiration, and motivation.

In advance of the appointments starting, please find below some sources of information and top tips - including actions students can take ahead of their appointment to prepare.

- A booklet to explore – the ‘Student Careers Pack’ - via the MET website:  
<https://www.maidenerleghtrust.org/page/?title=resources+and+information+for+students&pid=277>
- Year 10 -11: Careers appointments – video introduction.  
Find out where appointments take place at each school and a few words about the appointments:  
<https://vimeo.com/user216964077/year10careers-appointments?share=copy>  
(Please note – you may be asked to access the video via another platform – e.g. google)
- Complete sections 1 and 2 of the ‘Career meeting preparation Year 10 -11’ sheet – via the MET website:  
<https://www.maidenerleghtrust.org/page/?title=resources+and+information+for+students&pid=277>
- Complete careers quizzes and personality tests:
  - UNIFROG at [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) – Personality, Interests, and Work Environment Profiles
  - ‘Career planner’ at: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>
  - Personality Test at: <https://www.16personalities.com/>
  - Careers quiz at: [https://sacu-student.com/?page\\_id=2850](https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850)Students are not required all the quizzes – but can – they are great fun and very Informative. Students may also see patterns. All above links require you to be registered, but it is free.



Having conversations with friends, family, teachers, and youth leaders, about their strengths, interests, local companies, and various jobs is also very beneficial for students.

We encourage all students to actively engage in career-related events to help inspire and motivate them – e.g. through attending careers fairs, college open events, sixth form open events, exploring apprenticeship opportunities using the ‘Apprenticeships tool’ at [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) and watching UNIFROG Webinars.

Students can also create their CV using the CV/Resume tool in preparation for volunteering, part-time work, apprenticeship opportunities, and applications.

Whether Further Education (F.E.) college is a student’s first choice or a back up option for sixth form or college. We encourage all students to apply to one or more colleges as a first option or back-up.

Upcoming local college open events: Most will be taking place after Easter/before the summer this academic year. More open events will take place during the Autumn Term, however the Autumn is often busy for students – we therefore recommend visiting colleges as soon as possible. This helps students feel more inspired too. Please find links below:

BCA, Maidenhead:

<https://www.bca.ac.uk/information/open-days-events/detail/bca-may-open-evening/>

Bracknell & Wokingham College:

<https://bracknell.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/bracknell-and-wokingham-college-summer-open-event-2/>

Henley College:

<https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/events/information-event-18th-april/>

Reading College:

<https://reading.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/reading-college-summer-open-event/>

Details of other college open events can usually be found in an ‘Events’ section or via a search on their website.

Sixth form open events usually start from 1<sup>st</sup> October of Year 11. Information for these can be found on the sixth form website.

We will also create a list of events during the Autumn Term to share with everyone.

During the summer term, we will be hosting an online evening session for parents & guardians to share further information and advice regarding student’s post Year 11 options.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and participation in our careers programme.

Yours sincerely,



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