

Year 11 Area Careers Fair & Futures Workshops

September 2017

Dear Parent

On **Thursday 12th October 2017** Year 11 pupils will be attending the Area Careers Fair to be held at John Hanson School during the school day in full school uniform. Pupils will be transported to and from the event by coach within the times of the school day enabling them to use their normal transport arrangements to and from school. There will be two separate coach journeys to and from the event:

- Pupils in 11A and 11D will travel from school at 08.45am and return at 11.15am
- Pupils in 11N and 11S will travel from school at 11.15am and return at 13.40pm. Pupils travelling on the later journey will require a packed lunch.

At this event, pupils will attend a presentation from an inspirational speaker Alan Bullock (<https://alanbullockcareers.com/>) and the careers fair, which will have representatives from a number of local further education providers and apprenticeship/training providers/employers. A list of the representatives invited to attend are on the following page.

Activities in school

During the remainder of the day in school pupils will be attending three workshops. One workshop is devoted to career exploration using IT, including a careers profiling programme. Pupils will also be given advice on and time to produce a Personal Statement for their college/workplace applications. During the afternoon pupils will complete a careers portfolio in order to support and organise their careers plans.

Getting ready for college or an apprenticeship

Following the careers day we would advise parents and pupils to visit college open evenings in the Autumn Term where more specific course advice can be sought. College applications can be completed as soon as pupils have made subject or course choices and you are advised to be aware of closing dates which come as early as December for some colleges. Missing the closing date really does mean missing out.

Towards the end of the Autumn Term Year 11 pupils will sit their mock examinations and the results will be used to form predicted grades. The predicted grades will be used by colleges and training providers to help support their conditional offers for places in the following September.

College interviews normally take place in the Spring Term. Some are held in school but most are held at the respective colleges. Either way, receiving an offer of a place for September 2018 comes as a sense of relief and motivation for many young people. I would therefore encourage making those applications as soon as your child has made decisions regarding their next step. Pupils are not obliged to commit to a specific college until September 2018 and therefore they can keep their options open and apply to more than one college.

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Hopefully I have covered most things which may cause you concern over the coming very important year. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S Langdown - Careers Education Coordinator

Invited to the event are representatives from:

Colleges

Andover & Sparsholt College
BCOT - Basingstoke College of
Technology
BCoT Apprenticeships
Peter Symonds College
Peter Symonds Higher Ed.
Queen Mary College
S6C Salisbury 6th Form College
Salisbury UTC
South Wilts Sixth Form
SUN
The Wellington Academy
Wiltshire College Salisbury

Training Providers / Future Employers

AIM apprenticeships
Aldi
Army
Artspace Interiors
Basingstoke ITEC (IT)
Be Wiser
Bioquell

Training Providers / Future Employers

CITB

Clee Hill
Eric Robinson Solicitors
FabTech
Lloyds TSB
MRT Castings
NAT WEST
Oaktree
Ocado
Pellikaan Construction
Pilots ASSOC
Police
Pre Formed

RB Industrial
Rosebourne
Royal Navy
SMA Ltd
Steve Claridge Football
Strathmore Vets
Test Valley Borough Council

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Reply Slip - Please return to Pupil Services

Pupil Name: Tutor group:

I give permission for my child to take part in the Year 11 Area Careers Fair held at John Hanson School on Thursday 12th October 2017 as described in the letter dated September 2017. I understand pupils will travel to and from the venue by coach within school times in full school uniform and that a packed lunch will be required if my child is travelling on the later of the two coach journeys.

If your child's medical details or your contact data have changed since you signed the annual medical form, please can you provide the relevant details below.

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Signed(parent).....Date.....

Please print name.....