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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 11 Careers Questionnaire - for information**

At Sir William Borlase's Grammar School we are committed to ensuring that your child receives support for their thinking about future employment aspirations. As part of the Careers Programme in forthcoming Year 11 PSHE lessons after the practice exams, we have started to ask students to complete a Careers Questionnaire. The responses from the questionnaire will be used to

- Provide targeted careers interviews either on a 1:1 basis or in small similar networking groups. These meetings will begin to take place in the next few weeks and continue after the Christmas break, once we have their responses.
- Ensure that they get the right information at the right time.
- If undecided, to help them choose their next steps after Year 11:
  - A Level Choices
  - Looking at other places to possibly study as a Plan B or that might better suit their chosen pathway.
- We are also looking to start a 'Buddy System' with Year 12 students supporting Year 11 students to help them make decisions about their next steps. This form will ask them if they would like to take part in this scheme. If they do opt in, they will be paired with Year 12 student(s) who have similar interests.

We would be grateful if you could have a conversation with your child about what their current thinking is about their next steps. These conversations will be useful preparation for students when they complete the form in their PSHE lesson at school. You may find it useful to emphasise that

- Their responses are not set in stone. We fully appreciate that they might change their minds regarding their next steps. The form can only reflect current thinking.
- The career areas listed in the form are a guideline so we can get them the right information to support their next steps.
- It is perfectly fine to be 'undecided' at the moment. We are here to support.
- Responses about planned 6th Form destinations will not in any way affect their application to remain at Borlase to study as part of the 6th Form. It is entirely for career advice purposes.
- Your child has access to the Unifrog careers site [linked here](#). This platform has useful interests and competencies tools, which are used in school
- Other useful research tools:
  - A Level choices is [The Uniguide](#)
  - [Apprenticeships](#)

- [UCAS](#) - you will be able to find detailed information about Undergraduate Courses, Conservatoire, Apprenticeship and much more.

If your child has already responded to the questionnaire and would like to amend their response following any conversation that you are able to have with them about their next steps, we are happy to accept an 'amended' second response from them. If your child does want to submit an additional response please ask them to do so before the end of term as we are hoping to review all the feedback at this time.

If you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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