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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Careers Meetings

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 we will be allocating students to small group careers meetings.

These meetings will begin to take place in the weeks after half term. The students will all receive emails about their meetings the week before so they can prepare.

The meetings will be targeted around subject areas that your child has expressed an interest in. Please note we also recognise that some students are clearly undecided which is perfectly fine and we will also support this group with steps to help them research and refine their thinking to enable them to make decisions for their next steps.

The purpose of the meetings is:

- Help students with their research for their next steps.
 - They will be guided to understand what GCSE and A Levels might be required to go on to study their area of interest such as; Medicine, Engineering, History, Drama.
 - Remember every University or Apprenticeship employer might have different entry requirements so research is important when making your decisions.
 - They will be shown where and how to research entry requirements for different subjects and courses including; degrees, degree apprenticeship or conservatories.
- These groups will also give them a group of students in their year who they know are interested in similar areas for networking and possible future paths and applications.
- Even if the students are interested in more than one possible future path these meetings will help them understand how to research what the requirements are after Borlase so they can make informed decisions about their A Level choices or next steps.

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 take part in their careers meeting. You may find it useful to emphasise that

- Our independent Careers Advisor will be taking the meetings and will be happy to answer their questions.
- Their responses are not set in stone. We fully appreciate that they might change their minds regarding their next steps.



- The career areas 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.
- Think about what your child enjoys and what subjects interest them
- 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 you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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