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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Live assemblies for Year 12

I am writing to make you aware of two live assembly sessions for Year 12 students that will form part of their ongoing futures education. As this is part of the students' regular timetable, we expect students to attend. This will involve students logging on to the Year 12 Futures Classroom from home and clicking on the Google Meet link at the top of their Futures Classroom page. Instructions will also be put in the stream of conversation in the Google Classroom well in advance of the assemblies. Students need to message me in the stream if they have any questions about how to attend. Please let me know if you foresee any problems with your son/daughter's attendance.

Wednesday 20th January 9-10am with Mrs Stafford

During this assembly I would like to make the students aware of two fantastic opportunities that will support their futures education and pathways.

1. Summer university residential visits run by the Sutton Trust

The Sutton Trust will organise and fund students to spend a week during the summer holidays at a leading Russell Group university experiencing what it is like to study at university and to live on campus. Students can choose from a number of subjects at around 30 different universities. For students to apply they need to fit a certain criteria, but I shall go through all of this information with our students in this assembly. If the residential visit cannot take place because of ongoing restrictions, the Sutton Trust will ensure that successful applicants get alternative provision online. Taking part in this residential visit can significantly boost students' applications to higher education.

2. Professional Mentoring

The second opportunity is organised by the Social Mobility Foundation who work and link with big companies to provide professional mentoring for students in Year 12. Again this initiative is to support and encourage students to go to university, but this opportunity focuses on students who are looking to apply for subjects that are more specifically linked to employment; for example accountancy or engineering. If successful in an application, students will receive support with personal statements and work experience. Again, there is a criteria that students need to fulfil, but I shall explain these during our assembly.

Wednesday 3rd February 9- 10am with Mrs Stafford and Alison Wilson from Winchester University.

During this assembly, Alison Wilson from Winchester University will offer helpful advice and guidance about how to choose which university course to do. This will be particularly helpful for students who are finding it difficult to select exactly what it is they want to do, however I think all students will find the presentation beneficial. It will also provide students with an opportunity to ask Alison more general questions about applications or university life.

Parents and carers webinar- Monday 18th January 6.30-7.30pm

Lastly, you might be interested in this online event. The School Liaison and Access teams at University of Southampton will talk about the value of a degree, student tuition fees and finance. They will also talk about why it's worth applying to University for 2021 and what teaching and learning will look like under the impact of COVID. There will also be plenty of time to ask any questions. Book your place.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/888780740212468496?source=Email-Enquirers>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above.

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Yours sincerely



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