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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Futures Education (Careers Education Information, Guidance and Advice)

I am writing to make you aware of the futures education summer programme for Year 10 students. At Magna Academy we are aware that Year 11 is a very important year in a young person's education. Not only do students prepare for their GCSE's and BTEC final examinations and assessments, they also need to make important decisions about their Post 16 educational pathways.

At Magna, we see this as an exciting time when students learn about their options and we want to ensure that we support all students in the very best way that we can. Therefore, in the final weeks of Year 10 your child has been receiving carefully planned futures guidance.

With their tutors, all Year 10 students have learnt about the following:

- What are employability skills and why are they important in the workplace?
- What are A- Levels and where can I study them?
- What are BTEC's and where can I study them?
- What are apprenticeships? This is a live virtual session led by Joanne Small from Amazing Apprenticeships.

In addition to this provision all Year 10 students will also be able to attend a Post 16 options fair and access a mock interview with an external guest to Magna.

At the Post 16 options fair, the following institutions will be represented:

Attendees

- Magna Academy - Mrs Rodgers and current Year 12 students
- Kingston Maurward - Chantelle Cottrell, Deputy Marketing Manager
- Bournemouth and Poole College - Annabel Avison, Apprenticeship Account Manager and Jacky Grant, School Liaison Officer
- Amazing Apprenticeships - Joanne Small, Apprenticeship and Skills Adviser, Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network (DSTPN)

There are additional, local providers of Post 16 education which will not be represented at the fair namely;

- Other local school sixth forms
- Rockley WaterSports College
- Brockenhurst College

If your child is interested in studying at any of the institutions who cannot join us on this occasion please look at their websites to start to gain information about the courses they offer.

Additionally your child will also have the opportunity to access a mock interview with an external guest to the academy. The interview panel will consist of professionals, employers and people with experience of working in human resources and recruitment, academics and university students. All of these people have kindly volunteered to give their time to support this important initiative. Research shows that mock interviews can help support students in making the right decisions about educational and employment pathways. They can also help students identify their skills and strengths and, in doing so, raise their confidence to take their next steps.

Lastly, before the end of the academic year, your child will register on an online careers support platform called Careerpivot. Once registered students can access a vast amount of information about different educational pathways and career choices. Careerpivot also has case studies from all sectors of employment, quizzes and activities to help students who are unsure which pathway they wish to take. Careerpivot will build and store a career profile which they can amend and add to throughout their time at the academy.

Parents can also access Careerpivot by going to the website www.careerpilot.org.uk. Parents can use the parent zone to access the same information to support their child in making decisions about their next steps.

I hope you can support us in these initiatives and please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above kstafford@magna-academy.org

Yours sincerely



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