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YEAR 11 CAREERS GUIDANCE AND EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the Autumn Term and into early January, all Year 11 students will be seeing an independent Careers Adviser for a Careers Conversation. The Careers Advisers include myself, Clare Townsend, Ruth Ward and Maria Meehan who is a Personal Adviser with Services for Young people.

In these sessions, students will be guided and supported to think about their own skills, explore jobs and courses available to enable informed decision for Post 16 options. Together with the adviser they will create an action plan of next steps, this will be shared with them so please do ask them to share it with yourselves.

The Careers Zone

A quick reminder: The Careers Zone, on the careers page on the school's website, contains many links to recommended careers sites, careers videos and interviews giving insights into a wide range of jobs and careers.

[Careers Zone](#)

UNIFROG is a careers platform we have been using for a number of years and students are familiar with, using it in form time and Learning 4 Life (L4L) lessons. This fantastic resource is used by students across KS3, KS4 and KS5 irrespective of their interests or academic ability and contains information about apprenticeships as well as university options. Students can explore different pathways as well as access useful tools such as personality quizzes and information guides. The site is impartial and user friendly. As parents and carers you can also access this platform, the following sign up code will enable you to create your own account, this account will be separate from the students but will give you access to all the tools and resources.

Go to <https://www.unifrog.org/code>

Sign up code - GIRWParents

As part of our **Careers Programme** this year, we will be hosting a **Futures Fair** on Thursday, 16 November. All Year 11 students will attend and have a chance to meet employers, Further Education and Higher Education Providers. On 25 January, **ELSA Next Generation CIC** will be coming into school to run a one day, **Get Work Ready Day - this will involve a range of workshops and a mock interview**. L4L career lessons occur through the year in addition to form time careers input.

Each week the School newsletter has a fantastic range of careers information and work experience opportunities students can explore - do take a look. In addition, you can access HOP (Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal) to explore career opportunities and apprenticeships in Hertfordshire <https://www.hopinto.co.uk/> They run weekly "Virtual Employer Encounters" on Thursdays after school:



<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/virtual-employer-encounters/>

Myself and Ruth Ward are in school across the week; if you have queries please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare Townsend".

Clare Townsend
Careers Coordinator/Adviser