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11<sup>th</sup> November 2020



**Dear Parents/Carers** 

## Year 11 Next Steps - Careers

I wish to take the opportunity to update you on our careers programme at Etone College. I hope this letter will encourage conversations at home and engage parents and pupils in the careers process.

Year 11 pupils are invited to attend a careers interview with a member of the Prospects team, who will provide impartial and external advice covering next steps to college, sixth form, an apprenticeship or employment. Attendance at the interview is essential in order that pupils can gain the most up to date knowledge and information about their futures. It always helps pupils if a discussion and research about their career aspirations and the requirements for courses occurs before the meeting. These interviews will take place during the school day over the forthcoming weeks.

I would encourage parents/carers and pupils to visit the careers hub webpage <u>www.careersandenterprise.co.uk</u>. This is a new section of the website and contains lots of help and guidance for a variety of career pathways. Pupils and parents/carers are encouraged to follow us on Twitter, @CareersEtone where you will find a variety of information about careers events, links to webinars, virtual open events, school activities and lots more.

We are offering further support and guidance to pupils in the form of CV writing workshops held in school, which in the past have proved to be extremely valuable. Many pupils will be looking to secure part time jobs or apprenticeships and having a CV that outperforms others in the employment industry is something every pupil should be working towards. Further information will follow about this workshop.

Pupils have had the opportunity to experience advice and guidance from various professionals and colleges, including our own sixth form, as part of our recent Careers Day. The day was COVID secure and we have received excellent feedback about the event.

Etone College Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening is taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 from 4.00pm. Pupils will be able to find out more information on available courses, the Football Academy and more. We hope that pupils will be able to join us virtually for the event.

If you have any questions relating to your child's careers journey at Etone, please contact <u>careers@etonecollege.co.uk</u>.

Yours faithfully

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