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Dear Parents/Carers



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 students in the careers process.

For any students that are unsure of their next steps we can arrange a careers interview for them, which will take place in College. Students that attend, or have attended, a careers interview with a member of the Prospects team, will be provided with impartial and external advice covering next steps in their careers. It always helps students if a discussion and research about their career aspirations and the requirements for courses occurs before the meeting. Feedback and next steps are sent to the student's school email account for them to action. We advise parents and carers to look at this feedback with them.

We are currently guiding Year 13 students through their UCAS University applications. The UCAS deadline for all applications is January 2023, however we are encouraging all students to send theirs off prior to the end of term. After sending off their applications, students and their parents/carers should begin to apply for student finance. More information on this can be located at the following link <http://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

I would encourage parents/carers and students to visit the Etone careers webpage <https://matrixacademytrust.co.uk/careers/etone-college/>. This section of the website contains lots of help and guidance for a variety of career pathways. Students 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, college activities and lots more.

We have offered further support and guidance to students in the form of CV writing workshops held in college during LFL lessons, which in the past have proved to be extremely valuable. Many students will be looking to secure part time jobs or apprenticeships and having a CV that outperforms others in the employment industry is something every student should be working towards. There is further support on our career's webpage above. All students applying for apprenticeships or jobs should have an up to date CV.

Students have had the opportunity to experience advice and guidance from various professionals as part of Careers Fair in October. There will be further opportunities on our annual career's day on 17th March 2023.

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

Yours faithfully

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