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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) for Careers

As we approach a very important decision making phase within Year 11, we write to highlight our current provision for information, advice and guidance which your child can access.

During 2022, we continue to review and develop Careers Education, or CEIAG within the curriculum. This has resulted in many developments and revisions to our bespoke CEIAG website. This can still be accessed from the main school website. Please click on either the parents or the students tab at the top of the website page, which will then bring up a drop-down menu where "Careers IAG Advice" is listed.

You will then be redirected to the IAG website where you will find various sections on the different types of information, advice on apprenticeships, colleges, our own Sixth Form curriculum and workbooks to support both students and parents in the decision making process. Alternatively, the site hyperlink is: <https://dhfs.uk/careers-education-information-advice-and-guidance-ceiag/>

In addition, careers interviews for Year 11 Students are now interviewed either by our Careers Advisor, Margaret Marshall, who is impartial and is employed by the school to offer unbiased guidance, myself, or other highly qualified specially trained staff. Students are interviewed on a priority basis using a range of tools to identify level of need. However, we also have an email address where students can contact us to self-refer or request information. The email address is careers@dhfs.uk

We are also organising apprenticeship application workshops for students who have expressed an interest in apprenticeships. These will run in early 2023 and aim to support individual needs in applying for an apprenticeship. It is not too late to register if your child has not done, please contact us on the careers email address above to register for the event. We also plan to hold trial interviews for Year 11 within our school in October 2022. This process is designed to assist students in the transition process, and particularly in the challenges of being interviewed by people who they do not know.

Please watch out for our InTouch mailing where you will receive a link to our Careers Focus Form. This will be sent to registered Parent/Carer email addresses, and student DHFS email addresses. This form is essential in helping us to prioritise advice and guidance for your child.

Also, our second careers convention will take place in March 2023 during National Careers Week. This week holds in store a wide range of careers events for all students. Students will attend the convention

during the school day, and we would encourage full engagement in this opportunity to access advice from a wide range of apprenticeship providers, universities, colleges, employers, and our own Sixth Form Provision.

Finally, the website also advertises a multitude of links to careers events in our community, for example from the local colleges or learning community. These are also advertised as banners on the main school website. Please could we ask that you help us to support your child by looking out for appropriate events for them, particularly when considering back up plans for Sixth Form options? For example, the Learning Community will soon be planning to hold a series of events for students considering an apprenticeship and other pathways. Please see our careers website, or Twitter for further details and dates.

Many thanks for all your on-going support, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school with any queries that you might have.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Pickles', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr K Pickles
Assistant Headteacher