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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Hungerhill Careers Programme**

A new careers team has been in place since April last year at Hungerhill and we have been working hard to improve an already well-established careers programme. This includes our careers lead, Mrs Gratton, careers line manager, Mrs Hancock and our independent careers advisor, John Jackson.

Our careers education and guidance programme is designed to build skills in our students for lifelong success in a diverse and ever-changing world of further education and work. This links with our curriculum intent statements to:

- 'prepare our students academically, socially and personally for the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of life in the 21st Century',
- 'ensure all students have the secure foundations to progress into further education and employment'.

In National Careers week in March, students had assemblies led by the careers team to outline the key aims and main aspects of our careers provision at Hungerhill. We would like to ensure parents also have a good understanding of our careers programme so you can support your child with accessing all the support and guidance opportunities available to them. Our website has a comprehensive careers section which would be a good place for parents to start: <https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=Careers&pid=164>

Please see the attached Careers road map for an overview of our careers provision for students throughout their time at Hungerhill. In summary, the main aspects of our programme include:

- Careers team – Mrs Gratton and Mrs Hancock. Students can approach us before school and at break/lunchtime for any advice relating to their careers journey.
- Independent careers guidance – John Jackson. John and Lisa run a lunch drop in 'careers clinic' every Monday week A and Friday week B (in the meeting room near reception). John will also see every Year 11 student and priority Year 10 students for individual careers appointments (students can request an appointment if they would like to have one earlier, through Mrs Gratton).
- START online platform in school and at home – details of this were circulated to parents via a letter in September.
- World of Work Wednesdays – giving all students access to a wide variety of employers/providers on Wednesday lunchtimes outside the main hall, near reception.
- Assemblies – students have had assemblies on Apprenticeships during national apprenticeship week and on the Hungerhill careers programme during national careers week, to better inform them of the careers opportunities available to them.



- Careers in lessons – regular references are made during lessons to link subjects and students’ studies to the world of work and careers. This also includes virtual or in person visits from employers wherever possible.
- Whole year group experiences, including:
  - Y7 - ‘My Future Self workshop (in school)
  - Y8 - trip to Doncaster Dome in July to the ‘NHS We Care into the Future’ event
  - Y9 - ‘Commando Chef’ interactive event (in school)
  - Y10 - trip to Doncaster Racecourse for the ‘Opportunities Live’ event
  - Y11 - Post-16 assemblies (full week) and the ‘Destinations careers fair’ in Autumn Term
- Work experience and mock interviews in Year 10
- Visiting speakers from Higher Education or industry, e.g Cambridge workshops Y7-10, Ask Apprenticeships workshops offered to all Y11, Hitachi (sessions with our local employment partner), artists in residence working with our GCSE art students and more.
- Bespoke trips, eg Hitachi/Intertrain engineering, University trips, visit to a local performing arts studio etc.
- Careers ambassadors – all students have the opportunity to take on this leadership role. We currently have a team of 44 students from Y7-11 who have been working with Mrs Gratton on improving the careers programme further.

All of the above opportunities and experiences are intended to build skills, motivation, confidence and awareness in our students. We also seek to challenge stereotypes and make students aware of the huge array of pathways they could take through their careers journey at Hungerhill and beyond. It is important for students to have the tools to make important decisions about their future, build employability skills and importantly we want to alleviate any concerns our students have about their careers journey.

Students have recently completed a careers survey from which we have gained some valuable insights and next steps for the careers team to act on. We would also very much appreciate parents’ feedback on our careers programme so we can take into account the opinions of all stakeholders and improve our careers programme further. **Please click on the link below to complete our short survey:**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo\\_0aOcv4qHhM4Zla\\_KXSSHpxBhbLOOYp9\\_hdUNVZRujBQOFVCCVVI5RzQ5SERZUFFDVjIzWi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo_0aOcv4qHhM4Zla_KXSSHpxBhbLOOYp9_hdUNVZRujBQOFVCCVVI5RzQ5SERZUFFDVjIzWi4u)

Yours sincerely



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