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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: START careers platform – Years 8, 9, 10 and 11

To strengthen our careers provision at Hungerhill further and to prepare students for the wider world of further education and employment, last academic year we introduced students to 'Start'.

'Start' is a digital careers platform designed to help students with their study choices, explore careers, stand out from the crowd with CV writing and interviews and apply for courses, work experience, apprenticeships and more.

We will continue to use the 'Start' platform in this year's curriculum. Students can build their careers profile on Start as they move through school and beyond. They can update it whenever they have a careers experience in or out of school. This will help with CV writing (which can be done on Start), applications for further education, planning a career path and looking for local employment.

It would be very beneficial if parents/carers continue to look at your child's Start profile with them and support them in using it at home in the ways detailed above.

Careers guidance can not only help your child to make more informed decisions, but it can also inspire them to achieve new goals and to maximise their time in school. If students have a clear vision about their future career path, they are inevitably more confident about making their post-16 choices and have a firmer understanding of the requirements needed to pursue certain courses/careers.

We hope our students enjoy finding more out about the platform and use it to its full advantage to support them on their careers journey.

[Start – Careers Information \(startprofile.com\)](http://startprofile.com)

Yours sincerely

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