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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Careers Update

We are writing to inform Parents/Carers about current careers provision and support. In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we are now using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform.

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 now have access to this excellent website and Year 10 will do so later in the academic year. Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them.

Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities by writing their personal statement, applications and CVs and guiding them through the process, allowing teachers to give live feedback.

Students access the tool for the first time using a sign-up code which is unique to their form group which has been emailed to them. They then login using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to truly support your child. The form code you need is: parentsecclesbourne and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code

We are also exploring more virtual opportunities for work experience and employer engagement, as we become aware of them. One of these is **Springpod**, an online virtual work experience provider for years 10-13 and beyond. Students can register themselves, to browse employers' opportunities for remote work experience days. From this site, students can find out how to apply to get some practical experience in the workplace. Such placements could provide students with the unique opportunity to see concepts that they've learnt in the classroom, be applied to real jobs and practical situations to help make that connection between academia and the workplace. Some of the one day experiences are open to all, with guaranteed acceptance, where others are by application. For more information, visit www.springpod.co.uk.

Such opportunities will be emailed to students weekly/when they become available, it is, therefore, very important that students check their school email regularly for emails from Miss Earp and Mrs Parker in Careers.

We would also like to remind you that students in years 10-13 can request a one-to-one careers advice appointment if they wish, please email Miss Earp or Mrs Parker or students can request via their form tutor.

If you or your child have any queries on specific opportunities, or need help with applying please contact us by email (addresses below).

Yours sincerely

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