

5 June 2024

Dear Y10 Families,

As part of our careers programme, we have planned three events for Y10 students planned to take place during the school day. The events will be held on:

- Tuesday July 2nd, periods 1& 2*
- Wednesday July 3rd, periods 4 & 5*
- A whole day event on Tuesday July 16th 2024.

**These are during your child's Y10 one-year GCSE option time – time is built in for careers activities when they have completed all elements of the GCSE qualification.*

The events will include encounters and activities with employers and employees from local industries and Further Education, as well as apprenticeship providers. Your child will take part in group mock interviews and Sheffield City Council's Sheffield Progress team will talk to the year group and provide the opportunity for your child to begin to use their Sheffield Progress account (details of which will be given on the day).

Sheffield Progress is the online prospectus and application system for your child to apply to school sixth forms, colleges and training providers for their Post 16 education and/ or training. Applications for your child's next step in education, employment, or training start in the first term of Year 11 and we recognise the importance of introducing the process as your child progresses from Year 10 to Year 11.

In term of career education and support, individual careers interviews have commenced for Year 10 students, and these will continue to be scheduled during Year 11.

The July careers events are an important part of our Careers Related Learning (Raising Aspirations) curriculum and will replace the Y10 virtual work experience week initially scheduled for 1-5th July 2024.

Some students will be eager to take part in 'in-person' work experience and, with consent and supervisory arrangements from parents/carers, we encourage students to participate in volunteering or work experience opportunities that might arise during the school holidays. There are also many virtual work experience opportunities that run over school holidays which provide valuable experiences that are now the norm in many industries. Please note, if your child undertakes work experience/volunteering outside of term-time, this must be arranged under your supervision.

As we moved towards Y11, I will look forward to hearing from families and speaking about Post 16 applications at the Y11 Information Evening in late September, details of which will be shared when your child starts in Y11 in the new school year.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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