



Eckington School

Chorus Education Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 students

Subject: Careers Fair Event and 'Careers Conversations' Activity

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. We are excited to inform you about an upcoming event that plays a crucial role in shaping the future aspirations and choices of our students at school—our annual Careers Fair at Eckington School.

Date: 30th January **Time:** 10am – 13.20 **Venue:** School Gyms

Importance of the Careers Fair:

The transition from Key stage 4 and beyond is a pivotal time for our students. To help them explore and understand the various career pathways available, we have organised a Careers Fair that offers a unique opportunity for students to interact with representatives from different industries, universities, and vocational training institutions.

The Careers Fair will:

- **Expose Students to a Variety of Careers:** Students will have the chance to learn about diverse career options, helping them broaden their horizons and consider a range of possibilities for their future.
- **Provide Insights into Educational Pathways:** Representatives from educational institutions will be available to share information about different courses and programs, assisting students in making informed decisions about their academic pursuits.
- **Foster Networking Skills:** As part of the fair, our students will engage in a 'Careers Conversations' activity. This interactive activity aims to teach them valuable networking skills, enabling them to confidently interact with external visitors, ask questions, and gain insights into different professions.
- **Provide opportunities to discuss Y10 Work experience opportunities with local employers:** If your child is still yet to confirm a placement this is an ideal opportunity to try to find one while at the careers fair.

How Parents Can Support:

We encourage parents to play an active role in supporting their child's career exploration journey. Your enthusiasm about the event is crucial in helping them to understand the importance of the opportunities that

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are provided for them. All students also have access to our careers exploration platform called Unifrog which you all can use at any time to research further. Students simply need to use their school email address to log in and explore the tools available.

'Careers Conversations' Activity:

As part of the fair, students will participate in the 'Careers Conversations' activity. This exercise is designed to equip them with the skills needed to engage in meaningful conversations with external visitors. It's a valuable opportunity for students to practice networking and learn how to articulate their interests and goals.

Additional Information:

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's involvement in the Careers Fair or the 'Careers Conversations' activity, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff at school.

Yours Sincerely,



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