

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

# Subject: Eckington's Annual Careers Fair – Exploring Pathways for Future Success

I hope this letter finds you well. We are excited to inform you about an upcoming event that holds great significance for the future endeavours of our Year 11 students - the Careers Fair at Eckington School

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January Time: 10am - 13.20 Venue: School Gyms

The transition from secondary school to the next phase of education, employment or training is a crucial step in the lives of our Y11 students. To support them in making informed decisions about their future, we are organising a Careers Fair that aims to provide a comprehensive overview of various career pathways and opportunities available to them after completing their Year 11 education.

# Importance of the Careers Fair:

The Careers Fair is an invaluable opportunity for students to:

- Explore Diverse Career Options: Representatives from universities, vocational training institutions, and industry professionals will be present to provide insights into a wide range of career paths.
- Gain Information About Courses and Programs: Students can gather information about different college courses, programs, and entry requirements, helping them make informed decisions about their academic pursuits.
- Network with Professionals: Engaging with industry professionals allows students to gain a real-world perspective on potential careers, helping them understand the skills and qualifications required for success.
- Discover Apprenticeship and Vocational Opportunities: For those considering vocational pathways or apprenticeships, the fair will offer information on various trades and vocational training options in their local area.

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#### How Parents Can Support:

We encourage parents to actively engage with your child regarding their interests, aspirations, and potential career paths. Please discuss the Careers Fair with your child both before and after the event. 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.

### Additional Information:

By now most of our Y11 students have made applications to their next steps provider. If you child needs extra support with this, please do contact your year office at school. If your child has any specific questions or concerns about their next steps, an independent career guidance practitioner will be available during the fair to provide assistance and guidance.

We believe that by actively participating in this event, your child will be better equipped to make informed decisions about their future. Together, we can support them in navigating the exciting and challenging journey that lies ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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