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Dear Parent / Carer,

"My Future Self" Careers Project
Year Group Opportunity & Family Participation

We are excited to announce the launch of our upcoming Year 9 initiative, "My Future Self", which all students will be participating in during Form Time every Tuesday, during Year 9. The “My Future Self” initiative is being designed to help students start to think about their future and help them practice the skills they need to succeed in their further education and careers. During Term 1 this initiative will be looking at Careers.

Term 1 Careers - Project Purpose
As students navigate their secondary education and prepare for future study choices and GCSE options, developing career literacy and self-awareness is vital. The "My Future Self" project encourages students to explore real-world work experiences, investigate industry pathways, and build essential public speaking and communication skills.

Project Structure & Requirements
Each student is tasked with creating and delivering a short 3-5 minute presentation to their Form Group. To complete this project, students will need to complete two core components:

1. Family Career Interviews: Students are asked to interview three members of their family (e.g., parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, or older working siblings). The interview should cover career history, skills, required qualifications, and advice for the future.

2. Career Research & Self-Reflection: Students will research their own "dream job" or sector of interest - investigating entry pathways, needed qualifications (such as GCSEs, A-Levels, T-Levels, Apprenticeships, or Degrees), key skills, and industry insights.

How You Can Support Your Child
We kindly ask for your enthusiasm and support in helping your child succeed with this project:

- Share Your Journey: Take time to sit down with your child for an interview. Sharing your honest experiences - including career changes, lessons learned, and required skills - provides invaluable real-world perspective.

- Connect with Extended Family: Help your child get in touch with relatives or trusted family friends to complete all three required interviews.

- Discuss Future Aspirations: Have open conversations with your child about their interests, strengths, and potential career paths they might like to research.

Project timetable

- Week 1: Tuesday 8th September - Project introduction to students
- Week 2-4: Tuesday 15th September - Tuesday 29th September - Interviews conducted, researched your dream job and presentation completed
- Week 5-7: Tuesday 6th October - Tuesday 20th October - Presentations to Form Groups

If you have any questions regarding the project or need assistance with resources, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or myself.

Thank you for your continued partnership in guiding and inspiring our students toward bright futures.

Yours faithfully,

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