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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) for Careers

As we approach a very important decision-making phase within Year 9, we write to highlight our current provision for information, advice and guidance which your child can access. During 2020 and throughout the COVID-19 lockdown, we continued to review and develop Careers Education, or CEIAG within the curriculum.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has meant that our Year 9 Enrichment Day, planned for today, has had to be cancelled. We have therefore supplemented the video clips that will be available to view on the Key Stage 4 Options Evening. In preparation for the options process, parents and carers can help by ensuring that their children have downloaded and logged into the SIMs Student App. This will allow them to choose their options once the process becomes 'Live'. If students are not already logged into SIMs Student, one of our video clips explains the process. In addition, parents and carers can request support by emailing me if needed. Email: kpickles@dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Our CEIAG review also resulted in many developments and revisions to our bespoke IAG website. This can still be accessed from the main school website. Please click on either the parents or the students tab at the top of the website page, which will then bring up a drop-down menu where "Careers IAG Advice" is listed. You will then be redirected to the IAG website where you will find various sections on the different types of information, Year 9 options, advice on apprenticeships, colleges, our own Sixth Form curriculum and workbooks to support both students and parents in the decision-making process. Alternatively, the site hyperlink is: <http://www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php/students/careers-advice>.

In addition, careers interviews can also be booked for Year 9 students and we encourage families to also attend virtually. Students are interviewed either by our Careers Advisor, Margaret Marshall, who is impartial and is employed by the school to offer unbiased guidance, myself, or other highly qualified specially trained staff. Students are interviewed on a priority basis using a range of tools to identify level of need. We also have an email address where students can contact us to self-refer or request information. Email: careers@dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

This process is designed to assist students in the transition process, and particularly in the challenges currently facing them in the future.

In addition, our careers convention was due to take place virtually in March 2021. This will now be launched earlier to support Key Stage 4 options. We would encourage engagement in the event as it allows all students the opportunity to access advice from a wide range of apprenticeship providers, universities, colleges, employers, and our own Sixth Form Provision. Please watch out for the launch announcement regarding our Convention Website.

Finally, the website and our Twitter feeds (@DHFSupdate and @DHFS_Careers) also advertises a multitude of links to careers events in our community, for example from the local colleges or learning community. These are also advertised as banners on the main school website.

Many thanks for all your ongoing support, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school with any queries that you might have.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Pickles

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