

To: Parents/ Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: National Apprenticeship Week 2023

National Apprenticeship Week 2023 runs from Monday 06 February-Friday 10 February. We always deliver apprenticeship activities, events and sessions all year, but will be celebrating the national event by promoting the benefits of apprenticeships and the opportunities that exist in the UK.

Our Year 12 students will discover how each of their subject areas link to apprenticeships and will be given the opportunity to find out what apprenticeships could be advertised in the future. This will enable them to start thinking about the content of their personal statements and applications should they wish to apply for an apprenticeship in the future. Each of our department areas will also issue a number of resources via our online share point to allow students to find out more about the types of employers who will be offering such apprenticeships. This will then be followed-up with our annual **Apprenticeship Expo** which will be held on our school site in the summer term. This will give the students a chance to talk to local employers about future advertisements.

The Year 12 students will also be able to attend our **Apprenticeship Provider** talk on Wednesday 8 February. This will enable those who are considering an apprenticeship to listen to current apprentices and their providers talk about apprenticeships from their point of view. Invites will be sent via our online TEAMS page.

Year 13 students will be able to strengthen their preparations for interview and network with those employers who are starting to recruit at our apprenticeship networking event on Tuesday 7 February. Those who are still looking for an opportunity are strongly advised to attend and bring their CV along to the event. Those attending will be advertising their current and future vacancies. It will also be an excellent opportunity for students to engage in a mock interview via employer engagement.

In addition to this, students can continue to attend our one-to-one drop-in sessions during a Wednesday & Thursday lunchtime and Thursday morning registration. More information has been sent via the TEAMS page. This page promotes current vacancies, workshops and has information on the **Be Ready Programme** which runs fortnightly to allow those who want to boost their employability skills to take additional modules and print off their certificates.

In addition to the year group activities mentioned in this letter, there will be a series of videos, podcasts and event promotions via our twitter feed. Please take a look daily. You can also click this link for the latest parental information pack

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents> and the following link for the **Parent Perspective** podcasts <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CThe%20Parent%20Perspective%E2%80%9D%20is%20an,brilliant%20new%20host%2C%20Rachel%20Burden!>

I am very much looking forward to our future events.

Yours faithfully



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