

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All year 7, 8 and 9 students have one Personal Development lesson each week which is designed to help them gain the skills and knowledge they need to lead healthy, independent lives and to become informed and responsible citizens.

All our students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities and experiences across and beyond the curriculum. In doing so, pupils learn to recognise their own worth, develop a sense of their own identity and the ability to take their place in the community. Students are encouraged to reflect on their experiences and to recognise how they are developing personally by addressing the spiritual, social, moral and cultural issues that form an intrinsic part of growing up.

One of the main strands of the Personal Development course is Careers Education. In order to improve each young person's life and work chances, students are given an in depth careers and enterprise programme over the five years at The Roundhill Academy. They will be provided with detailed information and guidance and will take part in the following:

- **Year 7** - students are introduced to a variety of career possibilities, they begin to identify their own strengths and see how they can link with certain careers as well as looking at jobs in the world today. In the summer break of year 7 we will also encourage you to engage in the scheme of 'Take your son/daughter to work day' to give them a real understanding of what it is like in the workplace.
- **Year 8** - students are introduced as to how to manage their money on the world of work and will experience an Enterprise Day, where they will have a chance to set up a mock company. They will also investigate the stereotype of gender related jobs and try to dispel the myths surrounding these.
- **Year 9** - students will begin to create their CVs, undertake 1:1 interviews with an external careers advisor and have direct contact with a number of employers in a Speed Networking event.

There is also a huge amount of information and guidance on the school website under our CEIAG link which we advise you to engage with.

Your son/daughter will also have access to the Kudos programme which offers them the opportunity to answer a number of questions which explore their likes, their interests and strengths. This then points them in the direction of careers that build on these strengths and preferences. The programme gives the students a chance to see what type of salary they can expect, the local labour market information for that career and what the day to day responsibilities would be.

If you have any further questions regarding anything in this letter then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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