



8th of February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Careers Information and Guidance

Careers Information is an integral part of our Curriculum offer and is being covered through the Get Real Curriculum Framework and in specific through the

- 'Living in the Wider World' section of our **Social and Emotional Development (SED) and Wellbeing Strand**, through
- Relevant **topics of our Social and Emotional Development (SED) Curriculum Overview KS1-KS5** (e.g., World of Work: Jobs in the Local community, Goals and Aspirations, etc.), but also through
- Relevant **Accreditation units** at Key Stage 4 and 5.

The above-mentioned curriculum documents are available to access on our school website.

At this point we would like to further share with you our newly developed **Careers Programme Overview** which we have enclosed for your information.

Our Careers Programme Overview reflects additional opportunities we aim to offer to our students to further expose them to a wide range of career skills and progression routes. By continuing to develop a cohesive programme of Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) from Year 8 onwards we aim to equip our young people with employability skills, academic qualifications and the confidence to make informed choices about their future.

We are very fortunate to be working with our External Careers Advisor - **Maggie Parsons (Birmingham Careers Service)** who is currently supporting our Year 13 students with exploring individual skills and aspirations but also with sharing key information with families as well as attending EHCP review meetings and completing Careers Actions Plans. We aim to further extend this offer to additional year groups in the near future.

We also soon aim to trial the Job Explorer Database (JED) careers programme and assess how it may support our school to further meet the Gatsby Benchmarks and help further raise student aspirations.

As we continue to develop our Careers Programme, we will ensure that we inform all parents on any changes in our journey of improving our Careers provision.

Our **Careers Information and Guidance team** is:

Theodora Papaspyrou- Assistant Head Teacher with strategic oversight of the Careers Programme.

Sarah Davies – Careers Lead (14-19 Lead)

Together with a representative from the Careers and Enterprise Company we have used Compass to evaluate our Careers Activity provision in light of the eight Gatsby benchmarks. The information

collated will help to further develop our Careers Policy and how all students may effectively access this area of their education.

The Gatsby benchmarks set out a framework for schools to deliver 'good career guidance'. You may access the link below for further information on the Gatsby Benchmarks

<https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/uploaded/careers-enterprise-cdi-gatsby-benchmark-toolkit.pdf>

If you may have any queries regarding any of the information shared above, please don't hesitate to contact the school and/or email our Careers Information and Guidance Team (Careers@mayfield.bham.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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