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Dear Parent/Carer,

Find Your Path Evening Tuesday 22nd September

I am delighted to invite you and your year 11 to our Find Your Path Evening. It is important that **all year 11 students attend this event** in order to find out about the time frames and means of applying to their next step on their career path, and to meet in person representatives from both our local colleges and apprentice providers. The evening also provides you as parents and carers a chance to ask any questions you may have about the opportunities available for your child.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend, please email me on careers@downlands.org so that I am aware.

The timings for the evening are as follows:

5pm – 6pm Quiet viewing of the Careers Fair. We will be sending invitations out shortly to those students for whom we believe a quieter viewing of the careers fair would be particularly beneficial. Entry to this Quiet Viewing of the careers fair will be **by invitation only.**

From 5pm Students and their families from **KRO MSM PK SM** & **TBL** should arrive and go directly into the **Hall** ready for a **5.15pm start** to the **Information Talk and Q&A.** This will finish at 6pm where you will then go into the **Careers Fair** in the canteen and drama studio

From 6pm Students and their families from **ANE CBL DS GCH** & **ID** should arrive and go directly to the **Hall ready for a 6.15 start to the Information Talk and Q&A.** This will finish at 7pm where you will then go into the **Careers Fair** in the canteen and drama studio.

Please do stick to these groupings to avoid overcrowding in either the hall or at the fair. If due to other commitments you are unable to attend your allocated slot but can make the other timings, please email me on careers@downlands.org so that I can register this change.

College Open Evenings are being held this term, and I have shared this information with the students via their Unifrog accounts. This information is also on the school website under the Careers Page, College Open Events tab. It is really important to visit colleges and providers in person to get a feel for the campus and to ask the subject tutors specific questions you may have about courses. Most colleges ask that you register to attend their open events, to do this, please go directly to the college's own website and look for the open evening information.

I look forward to welcoming you all on the 22nd.

Kind regards,

Ms Liz Hollingdale (she/her)
Careers Lead

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