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Dear Parents/Carers

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Our Year 12 students have had a busy term settling into Sixth Form. Amongst this, we have also been starting to prepare them for the next stage of their career journey, as it is important to start thinking about this early.

This has included:

- encouraging students to apply for work experience early (you can read more about this [here](#))
- talking to students about the value of extra and [super-curricular](#) activities to build up a strong CV and personal statement
- a visit from Aberystwyth University with an engaging assembly on Choosing Courses and Universities
- providing students with a directory of useful resources in our [Careers Guidance Booklet](#)

Widening Participation Programmes

We have also been advertising widening participation programmes. There are a number of programmes run by local charities, businesses and universities that help disadvantaged Year 12 students to explore their options, expand their networks and gain valuable experiences for their CVs and applications. In some cases, these opportunities can lower entry requirements for certain courses and universities.

Although the eligibility varies for each opportunity, they are often based on criteria such as low household income, living in an area with low progression to university, caring responsibilities, students with no parental experience of university and children in care. However, as the criteria varies, they are worth checking with your child. Some fantastic opportunities include:

- [The Sutton Trust](#)
- [Realising Opportunities](#)
- [Social Mobility Foundation](#)
- [Pathways to Birmingham](#)
- [EY Smart Futures](#)

Please contact the Sixth Form Office if you would like more information.

Yours sincerely

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