



9 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

National Apprenticeship Event 2017

Year 12 students are offered the opportunity to attend the National Apprenticeship Event 2017, at the ICC, Birmingham, on **Wednesday 8 March 2017**. This important event has been specifically designed to give students quality advice, guidance and support regarding apprenticeships. The event will feature a host of employers and training providers on hand to talk to students about Apprenticeship opportunities.

Statistics show that after finishing, the majority of apprentices (90%) stay in employment (including 2% self-employed), with seven in ten (71%) staying with the same employer. A quarter of former apprentices had been promoted (23%) within 12 months of finishing. Students completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime. We acknowledge that University perhaps is not for everyone, so we are trying to offer our students as much insight into what is on offer for them as possible. Even if your son/daughter thinks that they might know what they want to do when they leave school, this day will provide them with further guidance towards making an informed decision, therefore, we strongly recommend that your son/daughter attends this event.

Students will be accompanied by staff from school, however, they will be free to walk around the convention by themselves. Students are reminded that they will be representing the school and that good behaviour and courtesy, in accordance with the School Code of Conduct, is expected from all who attend. Students will need to wear appropriate clothing and suitable footwear, in line with the school dress code regulations for Sixth Form students.

We will meet in the Performing Arts Centre at **9.00am** prompt and we expect to return to school at approximately 2.45pm, road traffic conditions permitting. Please make arrangements for your son/daughter to travel to and from school as normal. Students are advised to bring a packed lunch as there are limited catering facilities at the venue. Your son/daughter will also need to bring a pen, pencil and notepad, a strong bag to carry apprenticeship literature in, plus a list of questions!

In order to finance this trip, it will be necessary to ask for a contribution of £8.50 per student. Please make your payment using ParentPay (www.parentpay.com), our online payment system, choosing the service 'National Apprenticeship Event 2017'. Alternatively, if you would like to have a PayPoint service barcode, please contact Ms Pridham, in the Main Office. Please return the reply slip, together with the Parental Consent Form, by **Friday, 24 February 2017**.

This event will offer support and guidance with decisions which could influence the next few years of your child's life, and their future after that. If you have any further queries regarding this event, please contact me on the school telephone number.

Yours faithfully

Miss E Le Count
Head of Sixth Form

Reply slip: please return to Ms Pridham, via Student Reception, by **Friday 24 February.**

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Wednesday 8 March 2017

Student name: Form:

- I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the above event
- I have made my contribution of £8.50 via ParentPay.
- I enclose a completed and signed Parental Consent Form.
- My son/daughter is aware that there are limited catering facilities at the venue, therefore, he/she will need to bring a packed lunch and soft drink.

OR

- My son/daughter receives free school meals and will require a school packed lunch and soft drink.

Signed: Date: