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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Careers Programme we have several opportunities taking place this term that we would like to make you aware of.

Starting on the 21 September, local colleges and post-16 providers are coming into school to deliver information sessions on their colleges during assembly time. Many of the colleges provide prospectuses which pupils are free to take. These are extremely useful in providing information on grade requirements for post-16 courses. Each college will have open events which are available to view on the college websites – we will publicise these within school once we receive the information.

We are also running after school college application sessions led by our careers advisor, Tracey Chapman. These take place after school until 4pm on Thursdays from October. Pupils have been asked via Form Tutors to sign up to the session should they require support. Should an appointment be needed at a later date, pupils simply need to email or see myself to book-in. Tracey is also continuing to see pupils through individual careers appointments during school time on a Tuesday and Thursday. Pupils can make appointments through Tracey or via their Form Tutor.

On the 18 November we have our 'Wider World Day' for Year 11. As part of this day, pupils will be off timetable to look at a range of career related activities, one of which is our own in-house careers event. Local colleges, providers and universities will be represented and all pupils will be given the opportunity to meet and talk to them about careers and pathways.

Finally, we will be using Google Classroom to keep our Year 11 up to date with any opportunities that we receive including open evenings/events, online and virtual careers and post-16 events.

Below are details of ones that are happening this term – **each event requires pupils to register in advance** if they are interested in attendance and all are open for registration. We are not suggesting that pupils should access these events during school time, however we wanted to make you aware of everything on offer as each of the events offers either time outside of school hours to visit or are accessible for 30 days after the event.

- **Young Professionals** – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Insight-Evening>
Date: 30 September 6pm – 7.30pm
Your child (young person) – Their future. Information evening with some of the world biggest employers inc IBM, HSBC, PwC, BP and the University of Bath.
- **Skills North East** – <https://skillsengland.vfairs.com>
Date: 20 October 2021 from 9.30am-4.30pm and available for 30 days, post-event
Virtual careers fair where pupils can gain an insight into the world of work and different career pathways.



- **UK Higher Education Expo**

Date: 24 November from 11am-6pm and available for 30 days, post-event.

Opportunities to meet Higher Education and University providers from across the UK and find out about courses available.

Finally, the latest edition of CareerMag has been released – it contains lots of useful information including how to make the most of the final year of school, apprenticeship guide and sector spotlights. It can be accessed through the school website as well as here:

[Careermag - Pupils & Teachers - Careermap](#)

We hope both yourselves and our Year 11 pupils find all the resources and opportunities useful in guiding them on their next steps.

Should you have any questions regarding the events, please do not hesitate to contact myself Sharon.lord@croftonacademy.org.uk

Regards

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