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MCS Careers Programme Parents & Past Pupils Talk about their Careers

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

As part of our Careers programme I would like to encourage you to come into school to give a short 5-15 minute talk about your career/work.

Parent/Guardian

As a parent/guardian you have a key role to play in helping young people make career decisions. Career development is a life long process, beginning in childhood. Many adults state that they decided on their current occupations when they were children. Research shows that parental involvement is one of the biggest factors influencing the development of a child's sense of the world of work.

Past Pupils

It's also great to get past pupils to come into school to talk about their Post 16 education (A Level/Vocational), University education or work, wherever they are along the process: 1 term in, 1 year in, on a gap year or in work. Their experiences are just as valuable.

Pupils usually only have an idea of careers their parents are involved in & even then often know little of what that entails. How do they make GCSE, A Level, Degree & career choices unless they are equipped with as much information as possible.

Pupils/Students are often far more motivated in School & University when they have a clear idea of which career they are working towards.

When: any morning about 9pm

How Long: No more than 15 mins. But 5 mins. Is fine.

Covering What?: Here are some ideas on what you might cover!

- Think about your own work and life experiences and the paths you took to get where you are.
- How you made decisions about your career.
- Have you tried lots of different kinds of jobs?
- How did you know you made the right career decision?
- Your current work:
 - O What does the work entail?
 - o Positives/Negatives?
 - o What personal skills do they need?
 - o What qualifications do they need?
 - o How do they get into this career?
 - o How much could they earn?
 - o Is career progression easy?
 - o Could they branch off into another career with these skills/experiences?

Past Pupils, the ideas above + some more:

- Do you have a clear idea of your career?
- What Post 16 course did you do? & Why?
- How did you find it?
- How was it assessed?
- Positives/Negatives?
- How have you managed your finances?
- What else have you been doing to build up your C.V.?

If you feel brave enough & can find the time to share your experiences, please drop me a line & we will look forward to learning from you.

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