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**Year 8 Careers Advice Workshops**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that over the next few months, your child will be taking part in a group “Careers Workshop” with a Careers Information and Guidance Adviser from Career Seekers Direct.

The aims of these sessions are to….

* Get your child thinking about their option subjects and how they could link the option subjects to their future careers (if known).
* Raise their awareness of what options are available post 16 – such as qualifications at college and 6th form, apprenticeships etc.
* Raise their self-awareness and understand how their current hobbies and interests are already building up essential employability skills.
* Raise your child’s aspirations and broaden their horizons in talking about future opportunities.
* Motivate your child to start researching early their next steps, to help them achieve their desired career path.
* Raise your child’s awareness on Labour Market Information – For example, they were given useful websites and were informed where to look for up to date information and how to interpret it.
* Discuss any extracurricular activities that they could do to develop their skills (based on the “Cultural Experiences” school document and future work experience.)

During these sessions, your child will complete a document which they will bring home for you to discuss with them and refer to while they make future career related decisions.

Should you wish to find out more about the company delivering the meetings, please visit [www.careerseekersdirect.co.uk](http://www.careerseekersdirect.co.uk). If you have any additional queries please contact me on [martin.webb@attrust.org.uk](mailto:martin.webb@attrust.org.uk)

Kind Regards,

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