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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Pupil Leadership; Progression Week and Careers Guidance



I wanted to update you with a couple of items to ensure that there is clarity for you and pupils.

Pupil Leadership

Pupil leadership, including the role of Year 11 prefects, is key to driving our school forward and ensuring behaviour continues to improve as this is crucial for setting the highest standards for all pupils. For this reason, we are having a complete relaunch of this area and are appointing a new Assistant Head (AHT) to lead on this key school improvement strategy. Interviews for this post are being held before half term and we will inform you when we have made a successful appointment. The appointed person will manage the prefect selection process and relaunch pupil leadership at all levels. This will include implementing the vision in these areas ensuring appropriate training and support to make sure this is a success. We look forward to welcoming a number of Year 11s on board as prefects at a later date and will share the names of those selected with the school community.



Progression Week and Careers Guidance

Due to the illness of the member of staff leading on Careers and Progression, we are currently re-thinking the strategy around this area as this will not be able to happen as originally proposed. We are absolutely committed to providing high quality careers guidance and experiences and again the new AHT will lead on this, working alongside Ms Burnett who will train next year to Level 6 in Careers Guidance and Development. In the meantime, we will try and arrange the best experiences possible for the year group either before the end of term or next year in the light of the above and will update you as soon as we can. We are currently looking into some work experience placements and university visits as an absolute minimum. We are also ensuring we pass on as many high-quality opportunities as possible for pupils and we have already had many successes such as the pupils working with Gardiner and Theobald over the summer.



My apologies for the above but we are working as hard as we can to rectify the situation and ensure that this year group does not lose out and this is a key area for us in 2019-20.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Hillman
Headteacher

