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Dear Parent/Carer,

Beyond Farlingaye Week: 14th – 20th July

As we come to the conclusion of Year 12 internal assessments and external examinations this week, we wanted to write to praise all students on how they conducted themselves during this period. Following this assessment period, all students will now continue their studies in each subject until the 14th of July. It is incredibly important that students continue attending all lessons and work with determination and motivation as we continue through the summer term.

As a Sixth Form team we are now turning our attention to beginning the process of preparing students for their progression beyond Farlingaye at the end of year 13. Supporting all students in choosing, applying and achieving the next steps of their journey is our key aim, so I would like to bring your attention to a week of activities at the end of term.

We held our first **Beyond Farlingaye** event last year, which was very successful, and we are looking forward to staging this event again this year. **Beyond Farlingaye** will run from the 14th – 20th of July.

The event is split into two main activities:

- 14-15th July: Two days of a conference style of workshops and presentations at Farlingaye, with many being provided by external speakers and visitors. Drawing on the expertise of The University of East Anglia, Aim Apprenticeships and The Department for Work and Pensions, alongside our Alumni students. All students will be able to attend sessions to include applying to university, making the best choices, how to apply for apprenticeships, producing a CV and preparing for interviews and assessment centres. We are also delighted that we have a group of former students coming in to share their experiences of their journeys so far which include finding and securing apprenticeships, making the most of university and taking a gap year. It also gives the opportunity for the year 12 students to ask for their advice and guidance based on their recent experiences.
- 18-20th July: **Work Experience** – We are aware that for the majority of students in year 12 have not completed any work experience, as the first opportunity in Year 11 was missed due to COVID. Work experience is such a vital and worthwhile activity which will support students in their next steps. They are able to draw on this in future applications and interview situations. It can also help make connections for the future and allow students to experience different roles. All year 12 students have had an assembly launching work experience and will also be supported via Additional Studies lessons on looking at how to find a placement. Ideally this would be with a company/organisation that is in a sector of interest or it can also be a volunteering opportunity. While we know that it can be a daunting experience it provides an excellent opportunity to gain new skills and confidence.

- I would like all students to start identifying an opportunity, that may be through links of family and friends or by contacting companies directly. I have emphasised that it can take time to secure a placement and starting as soon as possible is important. Unfortunately, as a Sixth Form are unable to find placements for students but will help provide as much advice and support as possible.
- The placement cannot be paid employment even if a student is already in part time work. Once a placement has been found please complete and return the attached form, this also gives us additional information about the placements employers liability and public liability insurance, as soon as completed please can you return to Mrs Prior in the Sixth Form office.

The Sixth Form team are excited to start working with the students on their next steps and want them to make the most of the time available. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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