



Dear Parents/Carers,

We write to reintroduce you to our Skills for Life values and, of most importance and excitement, the plethora of careers information which we have detailed on our website for *all* of our students, parents and carers to access.

Skills for Life is the main focus of our careers programme and we endeavour to provide all of our students with a first-class careers education. At the heart of our Skills for Life curriculum we strive to provide all of our students with the 'tools' to be successful when it comes to life *outside* of education. Our unique and successful educational programme allows for our students to thrive through traditional methods of academic learning *and* vocational training. However, Skills for Life also aims to cater to the needs and wants of society and businesses in terms of the 'soft skills' that many of us take for granted.

Through accessing the links detailed below, you will be met with a wealth of CEIAG (Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance). We are keen for all of our students to access this information so that we can support our students in driving their future career aspirations forwards and preparing them for their next steps in life. Furthermore, we are excited to announce that we will continue to support our students in collaboration with CXK (a charity that delivers career guidance and training programmes), whether this be through 1-1 or group sessions. Alongside the plethora of information on the websites detailed below, we will also continue to host regular assemblies and workshops to give our students the opportunity to hear from both local *and* national employers about: the workplace, job opportunities, and the skills needed to succeed in a whole wealth of industries.

- Greenacre Academy: <https://sflt.org.uk/greenacre/careers/>
- Walderslade Girls' School: <https://sflt.org.uk/waldersladegirls/careers/>

We hope that you will find the above links useful and, indeed, encourage your child/ward to access this wealth of useful information. As well as further exploring CXK, students can also explore apprenticeship opportunities and 'play' with the Careerometer; a tool which allows students to compare different jobs.

Alongside the bank of resources on our *own* websites, we also recommend parents and carers take a look at the following:

- <https://www.cxk.org/resources/labour-market-information/> Labour Market Information (LMI) provides insights into different jobs and opportunities; telling us what is available *now*, or predicted to be in the future



- <https://midkent.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=MidKent%20Service%20Region> Career Coach is designed to help users find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training
- <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/> when it comes to careers, parents/carers/guardians have the biggest influence and impact in children's lives. Talking Futures is a resource created to help you have informed and constructive conversations with your child/ward about the different training and education pathways available to them

We look forward to supporting your child/ward as they navigate their way through careers and we invite you to contact us should you have any further questions or queries.

Kind regards,

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