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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Introduction to the Careers Programme**

I hope your daughter/son has settled well into school and is getting to know the routine and where her/his classrooms are.

At Soham Village College, we are committed to preparing all students for life beyond their secondary education, firstly with their Post 16 options and then into their Further Education or work pathways. All students are now required to move onto some form of education or training until they are 18 years old, and so our careers programme reflects this requirement.

Whilst deciding what to do after Year 11 may seem a lifetime away, our programme introduces students to the concept of Post 16 options and the world of work from Year 7, to get them thinking about what they might like to do in the future and make them aware of opportunities around them. This continues through to Year 11, achieved via a mix of PSHE days, specific careers-related events, employer engagement, and availability of recommended resources.

Students who engage with this programme during Year 7 tend to find themselves better prepared and ready for life beyond the school. Parents and close family play an important role in this preparation – a recent survey carried out in school showed that 47% of Year 7s and 8s get the majority of careers information from their family. So the earlier conversations at home relating to ideas of how students see their lives developing can be had, the better prepared they are as they move through the school.

The careers section of the school website is an excellent starting point to understand more about the programme and to familiarise yourself with where to source information and guidance. The following link will take you straight there: <https://www.sohamvc.org/post16careers>

The programme will continue to be affected to a certain degree in light of the current global situation, however the Careers team are working hard to ensure that all students receive a comprehensive and varied programme of events and support.

Yours sincerely,

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