



# St. Edward's Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Pathways and Careers Speed Networking – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

St Edward's Church of England Academy will be holding a 'Pathways and Careers Speed Networking' afternoon for 180 of our Y8 pupils on the afternoon of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Each year, we hold an event to offer our Y8 pupils the opportunity to hear from businesses and education providers about the world of work and careers. The feedback from last year's pupils and speakers was very positive and we hope to be able to repeat this experience again for our current Y8 pupils.

The afternoon will be split into two sessions, as follows:

1. Pathways – pupils will receive a talk/presentation from a secondary school, an FE provider and an apprenticeship provider. Each talk/presentation will last for approximately 15-20 minutes. The aim of this session is to inform pupils about GCSE options and their future pathways.
2. Careers speed networking – pupils will complete 'speed networking' with 12 volunteers from the business sector in order to find out about roles in business and pathways into these roles.

We are, once again, hoping to be able to involve parents and local businesses to ensure that pupils are aware of the wide range of future opportunities available to them. If you are able to support us in providing pupils with this 'careers speed networking' opportunity by volunteering to talk to pupils about your role in business and your pathway into your role, we would be very grateful.

If you are able to volunteer your time from 1pm (in preparation for a 1.30pm start) until 3.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, please contact the school office on 01538 714740 or [office@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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