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Dear Parent/Carer,

National Careers Week 1st – 6th March 2021

Next week is Careers Week and we are very keen to provide opportunities for pupils to think about their futures, despite the current circumstances.

Government guidance on Careers Education, which is set out in the 'Gatsby Benchmarks', suggests that in Year 7 and Year 8 pupils should take part in a variety of activities throughout the year. This includes learning about employability skills, different job roles and qualifications, experiences in the workplace as well as further and higher education (both college and university) and apprenticeships.

With this in mind, we have planned a variety of activities for pupils:

- Year 5: online workshop with Severn Trent **Friday 5th March 11am**
- Year 6: online workshop with Severn Trent **Tuesday 2nd March 9.50am**
- Year 7: online workshop with Severn Trent **Wednesday 3rd March 2pm**
- Year 8: online workshop with Severn Trent **Monday 1st March 2.50pm**

These sessions will focus on the water cycle, water treatment and working for Severn Trent. Pupils who are remote learning will need to click on a secure link to access the lesson. The link will be in their Year Group Team in the 'general' channel so that it is easy to find.

PSHE lessons next week will also be based on careers: sharing the videos made by parents and carers about their jobs as a 'virtual careers fair'. Thank you so much to the parents and carers who have helped us with this. We will also show Year 8 pupils videos about life at college through video guides provided to us by Stoke-on-Trent College and Newcastle College.

There is a further opportunity for Year 8 pupils to take part in a virtual workshop from the University of Portsmouth. This is optional and available by signing up [here](#). The activities will be live on Monday 1st March.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Rose

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