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Dear Parent/Guardian

Information for parents re Careers Development at Thomas Hardy

As part of our commitment to offer all Year 11 students comprehensive Post 16 options we have invited Joanna Small **Apprenticeship and Skills Adviser - Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network (DSTPN)** to give a live Teams talk on 3rd November between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm (link below). This link can also be found on the Year 11 career's page on the students Teams page.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3av-V8jW33bJanp5mA1ysRtYDRVHgMT0LQXMU9GLWcDPE1%40thread.tacv2/1633690043714?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2214fb9bdd-ddb5-41ab-9bc6-95065171bb78%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226beec79b-7684-4162-8cf2-64f694433df5%22%7d>

If you have further questions that are not answered by the talk, you have the option of asking a question via the Teams chat option or e-mailing them to kjones@thomas-hardye.net after the event.

If you are unable to join us at the time, a recording of the video will also be made available on the same channel after the event.

We would also like to make you aware of a two-week Careers event which is happening between 8th and 19th November. As well as post 16 option from Thomas Hardy Sixth Form, we also have teams from Weymouth College and Kingston Maurward College as well as Joanna Small who will be giving the students information based on her talk the previous week.

As well as these post 16 talks there are a number of careers talks being given by sector specific employers such as:

Frances Summers - Senior planning policy officer for Economic Growth and infrastructure for Dorset Council talking about her role and the different routes you can follow to get into the job:

<https://www.rtpi.org.uk/become-a-planner/about-planning/what-a-town-planner-does/>

Leonardo Helicopter - for those interested in worldwide career opportunities working in STEM careers, contracts management, project management and sales: <https://uk.leonardocompany.com/en/people-careers/jobs>

Juliet Hawkins - who has a long, successful career in the commercial art sector who will talk about her career choices and how her career has evolved over the years: <http://www.juliethawkins.co.uk/>

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Erik Ritsema - who works with JP Morgan which is an American multinational investment bank and financial services holding company. It is the largest bank in the United States and the fifth largest bank in the world in terms of total assets, with total assets of US\$3.684 trillion: <https://careers.jpmorgan.com/global/en/home>

Wessex Water - Their careers link to infrastructure, maintenance, water safety and customer service and they have both post 16 and post 18 options: <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/careers>

Acheson Construction - They have opportunities in commercial procurement, cost planning, design and building, risk management and value engineering: <http://www.achesonconstruction.com/>

Army - Check out how diverse your job role can be and look at how they can help fund your education: <https://apply.army.mod.uk/>

Navy and the Royal Marine Commandos - Check out how diverse your job role can be and look at the ways they can help fund your education: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/role-finder>

Apprenticeship opportunities with local firms based in Dorset. These companies still offer degree level education and are right on your doorstep. They are internationally recognised and have worldwide career opportunities. If you are considering a career in Engineering, Digital IT or Design Technology this could very well be the talk for you: <https://www.asm-smt.com/en/career/uk/> <https://fgpltd.co.uk/apprenticeship-scheme>

Students will be **required to sign up to one of the post 16 options talks** at the time when their college has been allocated a slot. If they are unsure of where they would like to study or may not get the grades they need for their first choice, please encourage them to attend other talks.

The individual careers talks are optional but will give valuable insight into several different sectors all of which are expected to see economic growth over the next few years according to Labour Market Information. I would urge you to discuss the different options with your son/daughter and encourage them to attend at least one talk. They can of course sign up to more should they want to.

We are hoping this event will be supported by the students and parents. Over the next few years the event will build into a really useful resource for students and parents to access to help shape future choices.

Yours faithfully

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