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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to join us for our Virtual Careers Event which will be live from Thursday 26th November 2020 on our website. This map will be regularly updated with events set up by individual providers, and so we urge you to check both the website and ClassCharts for any upcoming information.

Due to the current Covid-19 guidelines and ongoing changes we are sure you can appreciate that we are not able to host our events in the usual ways, and likewise for the future providers your child might be interested in. Each provider is having to adapt to their new ways of working and reaching out to their future students, and so this is taking longer than usual to set up links, videos and other information for you to access.

The common changes for most providers include virtual tours, online links and videos explaining courses or subjects and the ability to complete online prospectus applications rather than paper copies. Within the Virtual Careers Event, you will find links for each provider which should then direct you to the appropriate pages for your viewing.

We do recommend that applications are completed by Christmas or at the latest before February half term. With college and sixth form places becoming more popular the subject areas will fill faster than usual and therefore, students will then be given places based on application date. Should your child need support in making the applications, they can meet with me and the appointments can be booked by emailing lacey.roberts@thedeacademy.org or by asking their tutor to request a careers interview for them.

With regard to apprenticeships you should still contact the companies direct for their opportunities, however information for some organisations can be found within the virtual map. For other apprenticeships Gloucestershire College are still running their apprenticeship courses, so you should contact them directly for the information on which are available.

There are some additional forms for completion with your child, which will help to identify the subjects/providers your child is interested in and also to form a basis for the careers interview they will have throughout the rest of the academic year. Tutors will be sent times, dates and appointment cards for your child to attend a careers interview based on their choices, unless a request is made sooner.

Once applications have been made the providers will contact you with the next steps, however, follow up interviews will likely be carried out via phone or video link rather than face to face. If you need any further support, please feel free to contact me or your child's head of year/tutor.

Yours sincerely

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