



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to inform you that on Wednesday, 5 March, our Year 7 students will participate in a Career Detectives activity. This event is part of our ongoing commitment to broadening students' horizons and challenging stereotypes about various professions. It also serves as a great opportunity to spark meaningful careers conversations at home.

The activity will take the form of a speed networking session, where students will meet a range of professionals and try to guess their occupations by asking yes/no questions. At the end of the session, the professionals will reveal their jobs, and students will reflect on the factors that influenced their assumptions.

We are still finalising the list of companies and visitors attending. If you would be interested in participating in the event and representing your job role, please email careers@harris.covmat.org for more details. We encourage you to keep an eye on our Instagram account and website, where we'll share photos and highlights from the day.

How you can support your child to make the most of this event:

1. Before the event:

- Talk about careers: Discuss the types of jobs your child finds interesting or surprising and why.
- Challenge stereotypes: Ask your child if they think certain jobs are only for specific genders, ages, or backgrounds, and discuss why these assumptions might exist.
- Encourage curiosity: Suggest they think of creative yes/no questions to uncover the roles of the visitors.

2. After the event:

- Ask reflective questions: What did they find surprising about the professionals they met? Were there any roles they guessed correctly or found difficult to identify?
- Explore further: If a particular career caught their interest, consider researching it together to learn more about the qualifications, skills, and pathways required.
- Challenge assumptions: Encourage them to think about how assumptions might influence their understanding of careers and the importance of keeping an open mind.

Thank you for your continued support in inspiring our students to explore a wide range of possibilities for their futures. If you have any questions about the event or would like to contribute to our careers programme, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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