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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year, and welcome to the Term 2 Careers Update. We hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable break. As we begin the new term, we are pleased to share key information, upcoming opportunities, and important guidance to support students as they continue to explore their future education and career pathways.

Careers Overview – Spring Term

Year 7-11: Lunchtime pop up one per half term- Students will have the opportunity to talk to a local employer about progression pathways and opportunities during lunchtime.

Year 7-11: Careers fortnight occurs each half term, subject staff explore a career or essential skill with each class once during the fortnight. The Careers fortnights this term are WC 9th Feb and WC 23rd March.

Year 7-10: We are excited at being able to host the BBC Bitesize Careers tour on Friday 23rd January. The presentations are led by an experienced BBC presenter, who speaks to three professionals in a 'panel-style' setup. Each professional is either from our local area or works in our local area and will discuss their career path with the host. They'll cover a variety of topics, such as relevant qualifications, personal anecdotes, advice on work experience and key soft skills for the workplace. There's also an opportunity for our students to ask questions during the interactive part of the event.

Year 7-10: In our half termly freeze sessions this term sessions will focus on National Apprenticeship week (<https://nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/>) in February where students will have presentations from external providers on what apprenticeships are and opportunities that are available. In March students will celebrate National Careers Week with a range of activities. <https://nationalcareersweek.com/>

Year 9: Hello Futures have been invited into assemblies this term to discuss progression routes with Y9, to explore possible next steps and allow students to ask questions about next steps. <https://www.hellofuture.ac.uk/progression-routes/>

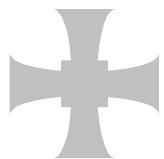
Year 10: Work experience support from Cumbria Work experience is taking place to secure any remaining placements.

Year 11: One to one personal guidance interviews continue. Lunchtime drop-in sessions in the careers office for anyone who needs support with any applications for next steps. Gen 2 have been invited in to share their apprenticeship opportunities.

We are very lucky that many employers and education providers contact us to let us know all the opportunities, taster sessions, open evenings etc that they are hosting. Please read below for the most recent ones.

Year 9-13 Gen 2 have been in touch to share their open evening on Thursday 5th February from 4.30-6.30pm and apprenticeship taster sessions during February half term. Wednesday 18th February from 10am to 2pm with lunch provided. Please look at their website gen2.ac.uk or email them at info@gen2.ac.uk for more information or to book.

Year 9-13 Amazing apprenticeships are hosting a webinar to share and explain the possible apprenticeships available in Dunelm. The webinar is on 15th Jan please click this link for more information and to book your place. <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/>



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Year 11-13 John Stevenson's 12th annual Carlisle Skills fair. Carlisle college Thursday 22nd January from 2pm-6.30pm. Over 70 local employers, 10 training providers and advice from Jobcentre Plus will be there for you to talk to about next steps. No booking required. More information is on the letter from Inspira. <https://www.carlisleskillsfair.co.uk/>

Y11-13 Carlisle college open events on Thursday 15th January and Thursday 26th March from 4.45-6.30. These open events are bookable on their websites. <https://www.carlisle.ac.uk/open-days-events/>

As always, a wealth of information is shared with students during form time and on our plasma screens to keep students up to date with local opportunities, interesting jobs in the local area and essential skills for the future.

We are keen to strengthen our careers programme by welcoming more visitors into school to share their career journeys with our students, including the possibility of hosting a monthly employer talk. If you would be interested in taking part, or if you know someone who may be willing to support this, please complete the form linked below.

We would also be delighted to hear from former students who would be happy to return to school to talk about their experiences of university, college, or apprenticeships. If this applies to you or someone you know, please use the same form to register your interest.

[Employer or experience talk – Fill in form](#)

Thank you for continued support. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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