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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your families had an enjoyable and restful Easter break, and that the new term has started positively. This is a particularly busy and important period for many of our students, with assessments and examinations approaching for some year groups, alongside valuable careers opportunities such as Year 10 work experience. We look forward to continuing to support all students as they explore their future pathways and make well-informed decisions about their next steps.

Our Year 10 and Sixth Form scientists had the privilege of meeting Helen Sharman OBE last term and hearing about her career highlights. Helen Sharman made history as the first British astronaut and the first Western European woman in space, spending eight days aboard the Mir space station. She was also the first British woman to visit Mir, carrying out a range of scientific experiments during her mission. She spoke about her journey from chemist to astronaut, and the resilience and determination required to succeed in such a unique and challenging career.

Careers Overview – Summer 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.

Year 7-10: Our April half-term “freeze” session will focus on creative careers. Students will explore roles within the creative industries, identify careers that align with their skills and interests, and take part in interactive activities and discussions to deepen their understanding. In June, they will investigate the local labour market using tools such as Start Profile, exploring opportunities in the area, considering future employment trends, and identifying the skills and qualities valued by local employers. This will help broaden their awareness of potential career pathways, including those they may not have previously considered.

Year 8: Some Year 8 students will take part in a Work Safari visit to Cumberland Council this term. During the visit, they will explore a range of career areas within the council and gain insight into the roles that support local communities. They will also learn about apprenticeship opportunities and post-16 pathways, helping to broaden their understanding of the world of work and consider future options.

Year 9: We are in the early stages of planning a visit to the University of Cumbria this term, where Y9 will take part in a range of engaging workshops designed to introduce them to higher education. The visit will give students an insight into university life, including what it is like to be a student, and the wide range of courses and opportunities available. This experience aims to help students begin to think about their future pathways in a meaningful and informed way.

Year 10: We are looking forward to our Year 10 students taking part in their work experience placements this term. They have worked hard to secure their own

placements, and this will provide a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand experience of the world of work, develop key skills and build confidence. If you have any last-minute questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Oliver.

Year 11: One-to-one personal guidance interviews will continue this term, alongside lunchtime drop-in sessions in the careers office for students who would like support with applications. We have invited Carlisle United to speak with



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Year 11 students about their next steps. This session will highlight pathways such as training programmes and roles within the sports and community sector, helping students to better understand local opportunities and the skills employers are looking for.

Year 12: Futures Ready Day will see Newcastle University deliver a full-day programme for Year 12 students. Alongside a campus tour and an introduction to the benefits of university, students will attend three sessions: Future Options (including apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and employment), Student Finance, and University MythBusters, which explores common misconceptions about higher education.

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 still very interested in involving parents, carers and former Trinity students in our careers provision. Please complete this form if you would like to be involved.

[Employer or Experience Talk - Fill in Form](#)

We will be available on results days to support our students with their next steps.

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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