

17 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 10 Futures Day - Tuesday 18 March 2025 – with Live & Learn Consultancy Ltd**

As we are now in the Spring term and students are well underway preparing for sourcing work experience placements, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the next careers event in school. On **Tuesday 18 March 2025**, Year 10 students will be taking part in **Futures Day**. Students have already started to prepare for this in form time this half term.

As they will be moving into Year 11 soon and starting to consider future post-16 options, there will be a number of sessions to help them on their journey. The day is aimed at preparing students for the somewhat daunting task of interviews. We have been kindly supported in the organisation and staffing of the day by Lisa Kitchen, Sharon Marsh and her team; Lisa lives locally and is the Director of **Live and Learn Consultancy Ltd** in Fox Valley, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

During the day, all students will be offered a 15-minute individual interview with a guest employer. Interviews will start at 9.40am and will continue through the day until approximately 2pm. As part of the interview process, we would like the students to come into school for the day dressed as if they were attending a **formal interview**. This may include students wearing a suit, shirt and tie, smart trousers, dress, skirt, blouse or if the student chooses, they may wear their smart full school uniform. Students need to be mindful of the appropriateness of their clothing for health & safety as they will still be in school having lessons, walking around school and going up and downstairs. **Casual wear such as jeans, joggers, cropped tops and trainers are not appropriate clothing items to be worn for the day.**

Students will receive supportive feedback from the interviewer that will concentrate on providing them with something positive to work on and improve. The aim is to increase the students' confidence and to enable them to go through the process of a 'scary' interview in a safe and familiar environment. We understand that students may feel anxious about this step, but it is all done to grow resilience, improve confidence and start preparing them for interviews next year and beyond.

During the day, the students will also be involved in a session – 'How to write a great CV'. This will be delivered by our English department teaching staff. Students will also spend time on the computers typing their own Personal Statement and using Unifrog to support them. There is also a session from HEPP on Achieve & Aspirations.

The students will have the opportunity to gather and have group photographs taken to mark and remember the day. The students particularly love having photographs of this event as a keepsake event. Please complete the attached reply slip and return it to the school reception for the attention of Mrs Jackson by Monday 10 March 2025.

On **Thursday 13 March 2025** Live and Learn will attend school to run an assembly for all the Year 10 students. This assembly will help students to prepare for Futures Day and will be based around the theme of **Perception**.

Yours faithfully



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Please return this reply slip to Stocksbridge High School reception FAO Mrs. Jackson by Monday 10 March 2025

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

- I have received and read the information letter regarding Futures Day on Tuesday 18 March 2025. I will support my child to prepare for the day.
- I give permission for my child to be photographed as part of the day and for the images to be used on the school website/social media and promotion of the event.

Parent/Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

