

Dear Parent/Carer

At the Midland Academies Trust we believe that all our pupils should work towards achieving a career that they will enjoy and one that will support their academic and personal achievements. Supporting pupils in this decision relies on accurate information and an eye on future employment trends.

Our careers programme – **'Your Future MATters'** is designed to build up confidence and knowledge about the world of work and to support pupils in making the right career decisions. We have a planned careers curriculum for all pupils in Years 7-11 which is delivered through the PSHE programme as well as numerous opportunities for pupils to get involved with career experiences and trips that support them to explore their career interests. Each year we ask all our pupils in years 7-11 to complete a simple careers survey to indicate career areas they would be like to explore to help us to match opportunities to interests.

Our subject teachers over the last year have worked hard to promote careers linked with their subjects through displays in classrooms and also pointing out how the skills pupils often develop through subjects are used in the work place today.

The Midland Academies Trust have their own Careers Advisor –Debbie Partridge. Debbie works in all our schools and is qualified to provide careers advice to pupils. We make a commitment that by Year 11 all our pupils will have seen Debbie at least once for a 1:1 careers guidance interview but some may see her more times. Debbie is often at parents' evenings in school and also organises an annual Careers Fair in school which pupils and parents/carers of all years are invited to attend. If you would like to contact Debbie about your son/daughters career plans please contact her on 02476 243039 or email careers@midlandat.co.uk and she will arrange to see you even if you child is not yet in Year 11.

Your support with talking to your son/daughter about their future career ideas is really valuable, visit **E-clips**, available through your school website with the password **MAT Careers** (there is a space in between the two words) Look at the Careers section on your school website where you will find some excellent information and also a page for parents and pupils to look at, as well as finding out what employment trends are in your local area and available apprenticeships.

In careers we believe the career journey is as important as the career destination and all journeys need to be planned so the destination arrived at is the right one,

Thank you for your support,

Yours faithfully

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