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Dear Parent/Carer

Please find with this letter a power point presentation on apprenticeships. This is designed to help you support your child in their decision-making, planning and preparation for their next steps beyond Year 13.

The number and type of apprenticeships offered is increasing rapidly each year. They present the opportunity to train on the job and work towards recognised qualifications, as well as earn a wage and avoid having to take out student loans. Apprenticeships may appeal to students who are not sure that they want to continue with academic study at university.

The presentation explains what apprenticeships are and outlines the different types and levels of apprenticeship available. There are several very useful websites (e.g. GOV.UK, UCAS and the Apprenticeship Hub) through which a wealth of information and advice can be found, as well as help in researching vacancies and making applications. Links to these sites are found on the power point. Pearson's Business School is offering a series of webinars on degree apprenticeships. Should you and your child be interested, a slide on the presentation explains how you can book a place on one of these and learn more about how these work.

As a school we receive a large number of opportunities from employers about live apprenticeship vacancies. These generally start arriving at school around February time. We email these opportunities to students who are interested and advertise them in the work room.

I hope you and your child will find the presentation informative.

Yours sincerely

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