6th January 2020

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Careers at Mayfield

At Mayfield School we value our careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) to help all pupils by year 11 feel confident about their decision for post 16 options. We have a termly careers focus week in the tutor time sessions to allow pupils time to think about the local market and post 16 providers and their own options.

There is a variety across the years of activities available to pupils to think about their futures including in Year 10 a unit within CPR for careers in preparation for their Employer Interviews they have in year 10.

Mayfield School use EBP South to deliver a range of CEIAG and they are a Matrix accredited organisation. This is seen as the gold standard by OFSTED and The Gatsby Foundation who devised the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks for careers. Our school Careers Practitioner is in on Wednesdays and Thursdays and all pupils have been told about Kelly in House assemblies. She is a fully qualified (level 6) career practitioner who is on the professional register (Career Development Institute - CDI). Kelly is available for email if you have any questions <u>Chinorwadza-Kelly@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</u>. All pupils by Year 11 will have had at least one 1-2-1 meeting to discuss their post 16 options.

We also in January have the 'My Only Limitation is my Ambition' fortnight where there is a variety of employer and employee interactions available to help pupils have inspiration for their own career's paths. Please do contact <u>denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</u> for more details. We are privileged this year to have Jack Rutter, English National Paralympic Football Team Captain visiting to share some of his experiences with all pupils in our school on the 21st January 2020.

We have also recently appointed at school an Enterprise Advisor. His name is Lester Biddle FIH and is a Local Director of a Technology company. He is here to help the school with their careers provision, connecting local businesses with the school to allow pupils to gain experiences and awareness of the local market available to them post 16.

Careers at Mayfield is growing as demonstrated by our first Careers Fayre in October 2019. Any feedback for the careers provision is welcome to <u>denfordr@mayfield.portmsouth.sch.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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