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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers,

As your child continues their journey in Year 7, we're excited to introduce them, and you, to the world of Careers. A key part of helping students explore their strengths, understand the world of work, and think about their future path. It is designed to help students build confidence, develop essential skills, and make informed choices about their futures. Here's a brief overview of what your child will experience this year:

🔍 **Exploring Career Routes**

- Complete a *Future Skills Questionnaire*, towards the beginning of the year, to help us tailor support and track progress.
- Pupils will explore a topic entitled – "What are my Future Dreams and Ambitions?" In this topic they will cover: -*employment rights and responsibilities *the different types of employment that exist e.g. full/part-time *the different pathways available to them in their educational career *what career sectors exist in our current world *how positive, and negative, digital footprints can affect future career choices *how social media can be used to someone's advantage when thinking about future careers
- Learn key terminology around career routes (e.g. apprenticeships, university, vocational training)

🌍 **Understanding Labour Market Information (LMI)**

Through lessons, activities and employer talks, students will:

- Discover what LMI is and why it matters in career planning
- Explore local job sectors, emerging industries, and the wide range of roles available
- Reflect on their own interests and strengths
- In their lessons, see how all subjects, ie: Science and Geography link to real jobs.

🏢 **Introduction to Work Experience (WEX)**

New legislation is coming; for all students to have 10 days of work experience between Years 7 and 11.
While formal placements come later, Year 7 students will begin to:

- Understand what work experience is and why it's valuable
- Learn different types of workplaces (e.g. offices, warehouses) & employment types such as self-employment.

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- Recognise that proactive steps like networking and research can make a big difference to their career journey

💼 **Building Skills for Life and Work.** In PSHE and careers sessions, students will:

- Begin to Identify their personal strengths and interests
- Learn about money, budgeting, savings, and financial responsibility
- Explore the value of clubs, volunteering, and enrichment activities. **Any clubs you can encourage your child to join; whether in or outside of school would be highly beneficial to build their transferable skills.**
- Take part in Careers Day in which they will have the opportunity to meet, and interact, with people from a range of career sectors.

The aim of our careers programme is to empower every student to make confident, informed choices about their future. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at aellett@selwood.mnsp.org.uk . There are resources on our school website careers section, and we recommend you follow Somerset Careers Hub Parent Facebook page.

Kind Regards



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