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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are keen to share what your child will and has been exploring this year in our **Year 8 Careers Programme which is** designed to help students build confidence, broaden aspirations, and begin making informed choices about their future and delivered through PASHE lessons.

🔍 **Exploring Career Routes**

- Pupils will explore a topic entitled – "What might Influence me when making Career Choices?" In this topic they will cover: *the factors that may influence someone when making a career choice *career stereotypes and reflect on how aspirations should never be limited by them *how limitations can be overcome *explore, in greater depth, careers paths that are suited to student's interest, skills and qualities using software such as Career Pilot and Start Profile.
- Students will explore the **routes available after Year 11 and 13**, including Sixth Form, college, apprenticeships, and university. **This will involve a visit to Bath University and a range of talks from local colleges based around options at Post-16 e.g. Trowbridge College and Frome College.**

🌍 **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 to start identifying possible career paths
- In their lessons, see how all subjects, ie: Science and Geography link to real jobs not sure if this happens

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

To prepare for **Work Experience (WEX)** in later years, students will begin to consider the types of careers that interest them, the environments they thrive in, and the expectations of different workplaces. We'll challenge stereotypes and encourage students to think boldly and inclusively about their options. We'll also be sending home a letter about the

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opportunity to participate in a **Take Your Child to Work Day**, which offers a valuable opportunity for students to experience the world of work first-hand.

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

- Identify their personal strengths and interests, and link skills to job roles
- 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.

We also encourage you to get involved at home. There are resources on our school website careers section and we recommend you follow Somerset Careers Hub Parent Facebook. You might like to explore your child's strengths together using one of our recommended **skills quizzes**, which can help spark conversations about careers that align with their interests and talents. These can be found at Resources for Choosing Which Career.

We're proud to support your child's journey and look forward to working with you throughout the year. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in our careers programme, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at aellett@selwood.mnsp.org.uk

Kind Regards

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