

October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 11 "My Future" Careers and Mock Interview Day, Thursday 27th November 2025.

The Westleigh School is committed to providing our students with all the knowledge and experience they need and deserve to secure for themselves the very best outcomes in life. As part of our annual 'Careers & Mock Interview Day,' Year 11 students are taken off timetable for the day in order to participate in five careers focused workshops.

We are grateful to our partner organisations and employers from the local area who have agreed to provide workshops throughout the day.

Additionally, students will also take part in three Mock Interviews during which they will be interviewed by representatives from the world of work for 10/15 minutes each. As part of the interview, they will be asked the sort of questions they would expect to hear in an interview situation including questions about their skills, personal qualities, their hobbies, any work or volunteering experience and their aspirations for the future.

A personalised timetable will be issued to students in advance and will contain all necessary information. In the spirit of the day, students are welcome to come to school in 'business' dress appropriate for a job interview. We recommend that boys could wear a shirt and tie with smart trousers or suit, or girls could wear a blouse with skirt/trousers or suit. If any students are uncertain about what to wear or don't have any appropriate clothing they can, in the first instance, speak to their form teachers for advice. Students are also welcome to wear their full school uniform.

Last year's 'Careers and Mock Interview Day' was a resounding success with excellent feedback from both students and our volunteer employers. It was clear to see the impact the day had on students and the value of the experience, in terms of preparation for college interviews and life post-16. We would like to replicate our success for this year's Year 11 cohort and appreciate your support in achieving this. If you would like more information, please contact myself on 01942 202 580 or email rebecca.obrien@westleigh.set.org

You may also contact our Careers Advisor, Miss Cassie Horner, via email cassie.horner@westleigh.set.org for further information.

Yours sincerely.

Mrs R O'Brien

Careers Lead and Head of Faculty



