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Careers Manager:

I have the role of Careers Co-ordinator for Year 7-11 at St Peter's School. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require help or guidance with careers planning for your child or if you have any feedback about how we can offer further support with Careers, Education, Advice, Information and Guidance.

We also welcome parents who would like to contribute to our careers programme by offering insights into particular career paths and occupations.

I look forward to working alongside you to ensure your child is fully prepared to make the most of the opportunities available for their future career.

Next *Future Insights* bulletin for Parents and Carers: Spring Term 2017.

Investors in Careers



Following the exciting news that St Peter's School has achieved Stage 2 of the Investor in Careers award, the school is

now moving towards gaining the full award in 2017. This is another demonstration of St Peter's commitment to impartial and independent careers education and advice to all our students.

All students received a presentation early in the academic year explaining their full entitlement to Careers Education over their years at St Peter's.

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our Future Insights bulletin. The bulletin is designed to provide information regarding the content and nature of Careers Education, Advice, Information and Guidance at St. Peter's School, as well as giving you ideas as to how to support your child's careers planning at home.



I was very pleased to see so many Year 10 students attending our Careers Fair in November. Many exhibitors commented on how engaged the students were and remarked on the quality of their questions. Please see the full report of the event in this term's school newsletter.

Year 10 students have recently received a presentation regarding the opportunities available to them to gain experience in the workplace. Following a recent government report and the fact that all students must now stay in full-time education or training until they are aged 18, formal work experience takes place in the Sixth Form at St Peter's.

Please see my separate e-mail on this topic for ideas as to how best support your child with this invaluable aspect of Careers Education.

Action Plan

Career decisions can be baffling and may seem a long way off but it is useful to do an action plan now so that all the ground work has been done such as choosing the right A-levels or BTEC's, completing a portfolio of evidence or getting some hands on voluntary work experience in the school holidays.

Points to consider

- ◆ Major achievements at school last year
- ◆ Major achievements at home or in the community last year
- ◆ What I learnt about myself last year
- ◆ How this changed my career goals





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There are many Careers Education, Advice, Information and Guidance website and computer programmes available to assist students with planning their futures. They will get many opportunities to explore these over their time at St Peter's School, but I would like to take this opportunity to highlight two particular internet resources: Plotr and Advisor Online.

Your child will have been introduced to the Fast Tomato website in previous years. This year the focus is on PLOTR. This is one of the most popular online careers programmes for young people. It has helped millions of students explore the many different career opportunities open to them. It is used by hundreds of schools nationwide and is an accurate, relevant and easy to use resource.

Students will have the opportunity to visit PLOTR later this academic year, but you can access the programme at home using the log in information indicated above. Follow the instructions to register, then either play the game to find a career which is just right for you or use one of the other applications to find out about particular careers which are of interest.

Students are also encouraged to use **Advisor Online**. This is a service provided by **Ansbury** who are the principal providers of expert, independent careers guidance for

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people's potential is our passion

Our dedicated Ansbury careers advisor is Mr Bob Ainsworth. Year 10 students may request a one-to-one interview with him throughout the academic year. He is also available in the Library on Tuesday and Wednesday breaktimes and in the Careers Office at lunchtimes on the same days to answer specific questions.

Advisor Online

<http://advisoronline.ansbury.co.uk>

St Peter's School login is (all lower case, no gaps):

- Username: hotel99
- Password: hotel99

Live Web Chat with qualified Ansbury Careers Advisors:

- 12 - 2 and 4 - 6pm Monday to Thursday
- 12 - 2pm Friday



Why not give Plotr or Advisor Online a try today? It's a great way to find out about different careers, assess interests, find out what qualifications can help and even what salary might be paid for a particular job.

