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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 have 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.



This year is important as decisions have to be made for GCSE option choices. In preparation for this, it will be useful for students to reflect on what they have covered already in their Careers Education programme.

In Year 7, the careers focus was on guiding students to learn more about the person that they are now and the person they aspire to be in the future. This included identifying the skills they already have and those that they need to develop in a rapidly evolving economy.

In Year 8, the careers focus was on gaining an understanding of the World of Work and the decisions which need to be made. This was achieved through your child taking part in a highly successful Real Game event.

I was very pleased to see so many Year 9 students attending our Careers Fair in November. Many exhibitors commented on how engaged the students were and remarked on the quality of their questions.

Throughout the Spring Term, Year 9 students will receive a full programme of support to ensure they make the best possible decision regarding their GCSE choices and their future career paths.

Attributes

- ◆ To help your child understand their strengths and areas for improvement why not get them to rate themselves from 0 being the lowest to 10 being the highest on the following attributes.
- ◆ This can be the basis for a conversation on suitable careers or areas to work on both in and outside of school.

Attributes	/10	Attributes	/10
Loyalty		Positive self-esteem	
Commitment		Sense of humour	
Honesty and integrity		Balanced attitude to work and home life	
Enthusiasm		Ability to deal with pressure	
Personal presentation		Motivation	
Common Sense		Adaptability	



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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 Year 8. 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 play the game to find a career which is just right for you or use one of the 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 young people in Dorset.



Our dedicated Ansbury careers advisor is Mr Bob Ainsworth. Year 9 students will get the opportunity of a one-to-one interview with him or Dr Downes in preparation for making GCSE option choices during the Spring Term, but should your son or daughter have a specific question for him now, he is available in the Library on a Tuesday and Wednesday breaktimes.



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.

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

