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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.



Whilst your child continues their journey through St. Peter's School, it is never too early to start thinking about the opportunities and pathways which lay ahead.

Each year group follows a Careers programme designed to develop knowledge and skills to enable effective careers planning. 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 is on gaining an understanding of the World of Work and the decisions which need to be made. A major part of this is achieved through a careers event focused around the Real Game. Students will also get to hear from a motivational speaker on their particular career journey to success.

#### The Real Game

In the Real Game, students role-play a specific job as if they were an adult with all the responsibilities that entails. Initially they undertake a series of activities which explore their hopes and aspirations for future lifestyles (accommodation, transport and leisure time) and then investigate more closely their job role through a detailed job description, including the skills needed, qualification requirements, earnings potential, promotion prospects and the effects of emerging technologies.



Students get to share their "expertise" with other members of their Tutor Group, before examining how to balance their monthly income and expenses. At this stage, students often discover that they need to sacrifice some of the more luxurious elements of their chosen lifestyle in order to survive. Students get to develop this skill even further when chance cards throw unexpected events in their path.

As one of last year's students exclaimed on completing the Real Game, "I never knew there was so much to think about when you are an adult!"

This year's Real Game event will take place at the end of the Spring Term.

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Discover  
Your  
Future

Check out [www.plotr.co.uk](http://www.plotr.co.uk)

Follow the instructions to register, then play the game to find a career which is just right for you!

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 7. 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.

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.



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Our dedicated Ansbury careers advisor is Mr Bob Ainsworth. Students get the opportunity of a one-to-one interview with him throughout KS4, 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.

## 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 Ploitr 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.

