



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you with what the PTA has planned in relation to support for the careers programme at All Hallows, in light of the on-going restrictions caused by COVID-19.

For obvious reasons, we have had to cancel the Careers Fair that was due to be held at school this week. This was a great success last year and we hope to reinstate it in 2021, if we are able.

In the meantime, however, we and the school have been working in the background on securing additional support for the careers programme, and this term the PTA has helped the school sign up to the Future First programme.

This initiative is designed to recruit former students and parents of the school to help inspire and advise existing students on future career options. The volunteers who sign up form a resource 'bank' that staff can call on to engage with students at different times of the school year, as fits with the careers curriculum.

There are all sorts of ways in which you will be able to get involved, depending on the time you have available. At the moment COVID is limiting our capacity to do in-person events, but instead we are planning on creating a number of resources. Maybe you can help with one of the following ideas, or suggest one of your own!

1. A virtual tour round a workplace
2. Advice on completing personal statements
3. Interview and CV tips.
4. Specific Career pathway advice
5. A video Q&A session with a group of students.

To this end, we have embarked on a recruitment drive aimed at 2 groups of people: former students and parents themselves.

What can you do to help? Here are two ways;

1. If you're willing to be involved, in however small a capacity, that would be great. Please sign up using the link at the bottom of this letter. The link is also on the PTA Twitter feed and Facebook Page. You don't need to be a former student to get involved!

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2. If you have a child who is now no longer at the school, their experiences could be just what we need; getting your older children involved would really help. Please ask them to sign up and get them to share the link in their own Facebook groups, Instagram groups, Twitter feeds and WhatsApp groups (especially private groups that include All Hallows former students themselves).

Thirty minutes from each parent directly related to the school would give the school a resource 'bank' in excess of 1,000 hours, representing a phenomenal gift to our children's future!

We are running the campaign until mid-January and will be in touch again, but it would be great if you would sign up before Christmas, so that we can get an idea of the numbers that might be involved. After that, the team at Future First will get in touch to ask people to assist, based on the needs of the school.

We look forward to your involvement in helping us to support the students with career development. As always please do get in touch if you have any questions. You can contact me on Chair@pta.AllHallows.net

Lastly, the link to sign up is:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/allhallowscatholic>

Yours faithfully,



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