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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Creative Arts Careers Day – Wednesday 12 October 2022**

We will be holding a Creative Arts Careers day on 12 October for Year 9 students.

This is the first time this fantastic opportunity will be on offer to our students. We feel strongly about informing and encouraging our students within a growing industry sector which hold strong roots and exciting developments in the county. The students will have the opportunity to talk to and even work alongside practitioners in their specialist subject areas. This will help provide Year 9 students with valuable insight into careers in these fields and support them make the correct options selections when considering future GCSE courses. It also may help with links for work experience opportunities later in Year 10.

This experience will be of value to all students even if they do not select a creative GCSE path to follow in the future. Year 9 students will be asked to sign up to a subject area from Art, Dance, Drama, Food, Music, Textiles, Computer Science or Engineering. They will work for periods 1 to 4 on a career focussed activity for example

- They may be set a real-life design brief
- Asked to pitch a design to a client
- Be taught a skill by a practitioner in the area which is used in their day to day job

During lunchtime students from Years 7 to 9 will be invited to visit the Hall to talk to our visitors. They will be able to see creative practitioners work from all the areas including Chefs, Designers, a Glass Artist and Architects. Some of the specialists will be talking to the students about the life skills necessary for the professions such as web design, finances, talking to clients, finding work plus their education pathways.

We hope you can see the huge benefit in hosting the creative arts careers day and encourage your child to engage with all the activities on the day. Please contact Miss Welch or Miss Reynolds for further information if required.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Scott Yalden**  
**Headteacher**