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Dear Parent/Carer

Ashlyns Careers Programme

At Ashlyns we are committed to providing an outstanding careers programme that enables our students to be confident and successful at every stage of their education with us, and in their next steps through education, training or employment. During the academic year we organise a number of targeted career events for students to meet industry professionals to get an insight into the world of work.

This year has seen our biggest programme of careers events to-date featuring guest speakers from sectors such as computer science, engineering, film & TV, finance, graphic design, law, media, medicine, sport and teaching. This term we were delighted to welcome Emma Rosen who delivered her inspirational TED presentation on how to find fulfilling work and how to organise work experience opportunities.

It's never too early to start the conversation at home about possible careers and to discuss aspirations with your child. Our students recently undertook a careers survey which demonstrated how ambitious they are about their future. We encourage all our students to attend a number of careers events to help inform Option choices in Year 9 and also to start to prepare for further/higher education at 16+. All our events are advertised in the weekly eBulletin.

Students from Year 7-13 have access to the award-winning careers platform Unifrog, where they can keep a record of careers events attended, develop employability skills and research job sectors. Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship and college course in the UK and enables students to successfully apply for these opportunities by writing their personal statements, applications and CVs. Please take the time to look at Unifrog with your child to see what is on offer.

Our event programme is greatly enhanced with the involvement of our parent community. We are keen to collaborate with any parent who has a career that they would like to share with our students. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact my colleague Rebecca Lambert on email: rlambert@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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