

Dear parents and carers,

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week from 6th-10th February and there will be a number of discussions and videos taking place within subject areas across the different departments within the school to highlight and promote apprenticeships as a route for career progression.

With this in mind, we would like to signpost parents and carers to material that may also support your own knowledge and understanding of this ever expanding pathway and recommend having a look at the following resources as a starting point:

- Podcast - 'The Parent Perspective' which is a podcast series for parents and carers who want to support their children with careers advice and guidance. More information can be found at:
<http://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>
- Rapid Reads are a set of guides which explain a wealth of career information ranging from 'What is a degree apprenticeship?' through to 'What are traineeships?' and 'What are T Levels?' More information can be found at:
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>
- Website: Kent Choices - Start Profile has a wealth of material entitled, 'Your Questions Answered' with a section for young people and a separate one for parents and carers about apprenticeships. More information can be found:
<https://kent.startprofile.com/page/apprenticeships>
- Dates for your diary: Mid Kent College has open days at their Maidstone and their Medway campuses in March (8th and 15th); Sheppey College is hosting an open day on 19th April; Canterbury College's open day is 19th April. There is also an event at Northfleet Technical College on Wednesday 8th February. Please see the respective websites for more details and timings.

The Careers Team at Borden are always happy to hear from parents who feel they could offer an insight into their particular industry or career, support a work experience placement for a student or have an employer with an outreach department that would be happy to come into Borden to share their employer insight with our students.

Please do get in touch with the Careers Team as we'd be delighted to hear from you:

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Yours faithfully,

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