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Back in the summer of 2023, parents were invited to take part in a survey on behalf of the Careers and Enterprise company so that they can gauge a level of understanding of parents' knowledge regarding post-16 and post-18 pathways and so that training sessions can be introduced to support parents and guardians.

As a school, we feel it is imperative that parents are informed about pathways and options for students, so that you have a good understand to be able to support your child. We recently held our Sixth Form Open Evening, and it was lovely to see so many parents and to facilitate a deeper understanding about Sixth Form as one of the options available to students. For those that could not make it, or if you have children in younger years, you can view our Sixth Form prospectus online here: <https://www.kingsmeadschool.net/sixth-form/joining-us/why-choose-kingsmead-sixth-form/>

Whilst we are proud to offer an array of courses taught by specialist teachers in Sixth Form and support at Kingsmead onto future destinations after Year 13, we also want parents to be informed about apprenticeships. Given this, the Careers and Enterprise company are hosting 2 webinars, aimed at parents which may be of interest to you:

The first session called "What is an Apprenticeship?" will take place virtually on Monday 20th November, 6.30-7.30pm. The link to access this webinar can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-an-apprenticeship-tickets-740146487067?aff=oddtcreator>

There will then be a follow up session entitled "Apprenticeships: Finding and Applying" on Monday 27th November, also 6.30-7.30pm. The link to access this can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-an-apprenticeship-application-support-tickets-740188492707?aff=oddtcreator>

As one of the options available to students for both post-16 and post-18 study, we hope that these sessions will give you a better understanding of apprenticeships in general and how to support your child in applying for them. As always, parents are welcome to contact Mrs. Kendall, our in-school Careers Advisor, regarding any questions relating to your child's next steps and future pathways so that together, we can support everyone to reach their full potential during their time at Kingsmead and beyond.

Kind regards

The Careers Team.