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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We understand that early career's education enthuses and motivates students for their learning. It also challenges values and stereotypes attached to careers and raises student's aspirations. Careers can also make a positive impact on the disconnected ratio of job aspirations and actual jobs available. We have an extensive careers programme at St Joseph's and we have endeavoured to offer meaningful experiences virtually throughout the last year.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about some of the events taking place this term and sign post you to some of the career's resources on our website.

Virtual Careers Fair and panel

The week **1st-6th of March** is National Careers Week. There are a multitude of events planned including a series of virtual careers fairs. We encourage you and your child to look at the schedule and plan to attend some of these events. This is the website link: <https://ncw2021.co.uk/>

Wednesday 3rd March at 10.30 – 11.30am -Years 10, 11 12 and 13 students are invited to attend a STEM (Science, technology, engineering, maths) virtual careers panel chat. This virtual interactive session will feature a **panel of STEM employers** talking about their **job roles**, different **pathways into STEM** and the **skills** they have developed along the way. Whether joining from home or from the classroom, students can ask questions via the **secure 'chat box'** live to the employers. Students will receive the link via google classroom.

Employer careers talks

We have worked with local and national employers to collate a selection of short talks about their job role, career path and the skills and qualifications needed. Students have been signposted to these short 3 minute videos in their year group google classroom. These are a fantastic resource to get individuals thinking about what type of job they would be interested in and helps students to learn about the many different job roles and opportunities for them.

Website

Our website has an extensive range of career's resources. These are some pages that your child may want to use to research different jobs and future pathways.

Preparation for Job interviews

<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/school-life/careers-programme/preparing-for-future-pathways/>

Research sites and specific information about careers that different subjects can lead to

<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/school-life/careers-programme/career-research-links/>

Careers presentations, KS4 careers programme and post 18 pathways

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Employer and Alumni videos, find out about different job roles and routes into employment.

<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/school-life/careers-programme/alumni/>

Sixth form subject presentations

<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/sixth-form/key-stage-5/>

Thank- you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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