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Dear Parents/Carers

We stress to our students that they should be giving some thought to their future careers, to have a passion and be enthusiastic about life after their time with us here at the Academy. Teachers discuss potential careers from the perspective of their subjects and this feeds into the choices students need to consider for their options. We want to broaden these kinds of talks.

We currently run a programme of guest speakers from business giving an insight into those career areas ranging from the motor industry, IT to construction. We need to expand this in order to give our students as broad a horizon as possible.

We need your help.

If you are able to give a bit of time to talk about what you do, the demands of working life and any tips that will help our students along their way, it will be greatly appreciated. It can simply be a discussion about what you do. I will lead the session and encourage students to ask questions. We will select a small group of students interested in that career area.

Students have a tendency to see their educational career as something different from their paid working career and we need to close that gap.

We really want to hear from you. You will enjoy it! Young people have an ability (just by simply talking to them) to bring out the enthusiasm in us about what we do and how we got there. The impact on them can be amazing and it is a wonderfully satisfying feeling knowing that you played a part in shaping the destiny of someone's life. I hope you are able to join us. If so please call myself or Ruth Turner (our Careers Officer) or email: john.goodyear@langleyacademy.org or ruth.turner@langleyacademy.org.

Many thanks in advance and I hope to hear from you.

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