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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As we work towards Easter it becomes a very busy time in Post 16 with lots of opportunities for learning and personal progression. The students are currently completing and organizing their accredited coursework ready for moderation and I have been very impressed with the level of commitment and independence they have been demonstrating.

We are very pleased to announce that we are now working with a communications agency called DRP group to provide workshops and work experience opportunities to our students. The company has offered us a huge range of opportunities including 2D and 3D graphic design, animation, set design and construction, printing, film and video and digital communication. We welcomed Nisha Withers into school for an exciting workshop based around rebranding our community café, the student are now developing their work skills through a range of projects which will demonstrate a huge number of roles in this type of business. The students will be using skype to continue a working relationship with the company before the first two of our students visit on work experience later this month. The students will be working in the graphic design department for the day to 'mock up' their logo and brand designs. If you would like to see more about DRP group then please follow the link on our Post 16 webpage.

We have also begun working on the outdoor element of our Duke of Edinburgh award. Part of this work includes training the students to undertake an expedition which is taking place during our leisure time on Wednesday afternoons; tasks will include map reading and using a compass. All students will need a waterproof coat and suitable walking boots as we will be going out in all weathers. The students have almost completed the physical element. The expedition will take place in the summer term and we will release the dates for these shortly.

Post 16 students are currently working on developing a blog to share information about their work and achievements on our website. It is an exciting way for them to combine their ICT skills and Experiences to further develop their written work. Photos will be published alongside their work (Except for those student who do not have permission for photos online) We hope you will enjoy reading the blog to keep in touch with everything that we are doing.



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Finally I would like to invite all parents and carers to our second informal Post 16 transition day on **Tuesday 24th April** between the hours of **10am – 2pm** and will please complete the slip below with a time to suit you and we will confirm before the day.

We look forward to working with you,

Many Thanks

Rhian Smith

Name of Student: _____

I/We would like to come to the Transition Day Chat on Tuesday 24th April. My Preferred time slot is : _____ (10am-2pm)

Signed: _____



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