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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 Careers for 2024 2025

Year 10 is an important year in which pupils consider career ideas and prepare to make their subject choices at GCSE. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the careers provision for this year and of the guidance that will be available to support your child.

In Year 10, pupils will have a fortnightly, timetabled Careers class taken by a member of the Careers department, comprising of Mrs Diffin, Dr Larmour, Mrs Walker, Mrs Barr, and Dr Spence. During these classes, pupils will receive advice and guidance on a range of areas such as pathways, the qualifications framework, skills and career matching, and making subject choices for GCSE. They will also complete personal career planning.

We will be emphasising the importance of research and your child will be able to familiarise themselves with key sources of career information during class. One of these sources of information is Unifrog, an online platform that pupils, and parents, have access to. You, as a parent, can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code. You can then enter the form code parentsglenlola along with your details to create an account (this code will expire after 90 days).

In December, your child will participate in a 'Digital Masterclass' workshop delivered by Young Enterprise. This introduces students to the quickly changing and growing digital sector and the employment opportunities available. In the Summer Term, pupils will work on a project where they design a mini, Bangor-based business. Within the programme they will develop their employability skills and their knowledge of business and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Corporate Social Responsibility, environmental awareness and social enterprise.

Later in the year your child will start considering their GCSE subject choices. In addition to preparing pupils for this during Careers class, there will be a number of events to help with the process. These include the Year 10 Options Event on Wednesday 5 February and the Parents' Consultation on Wednesday 19 February. Individual Subject Choice Interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 27 January. These are designed to help your child make decisions about their options for GCSE subject choices, which will be submitted early in March.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child is fully supported during Year 10 and making informed decisions regarding subject choices for next year.

Yours sincerely,

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