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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 8 Careers and Employability for 2025 2026

As your child begins their school career here at Glenlola Collegiate, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. The Careers Department in School comprises of Dr Larmour, Mrs Walker, Mrs Barr, Mrs Redpath, Mrs Macafee and Dr Spence. We are here to support your child during their time at School as they consider subject choices, career options, completes career planning and makes post-16 and post-18 options.

During Year 8, Employability provision is part of the LLW rotation. During the 6 weeks of Employability lessons, pupils will complete a range of activities to begin to identify their qualities and skills to start building the foundation for positive career planning. Part of this will involve research and looking at the wide range of resources available. They will be introduced to Unifrog, an online Careers programme which they can access to research career opportunities. Pupils will investigate a range of careers and develop an awareness of their interests and skills. They will also consider the impact of new technologies in the workplace, work in the local and global economy, and entrepreneurship.

Personal Career Planning will also be discussed during Employability lessons, with pupils then continuing this work with their Form teacher during our Friday morning LTC³ programme. Pupils will begin to work on their Junior School Personal Career Planning document, where they will explore employability skills, qualities, and values and begin to gain an understanding of the importance of career planning.

May we take this opportunity to wish your child well as they begin their studies at Glenlola Collegiate School, and we look forward to working with them in Year 8.

Yours sincerely,

GCS Careers Department

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