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Hello to all Desborough Students and Parents/Carers

An Introduction to our Careers Mentor

Preparing for the 'world of work'

I am taking this opportunity to ensure that all of our students and our parents/carers are aware of what I do and how I may be able to help, particularly under the current restrictions regarding Covid. These restrictions do not, understandably, allow for access to our usual offerings, which include my presence at Parent's Evenings; a variety of interactions with businesses, from modest sized to giant corporations; educational establishments, including Universities and FE Colleges; work shadowing and work experiences. All of which assists us in promoting an understanding of the world of work and the growth areas within that world, as well as the requirements the various sectors of the workplace would want from an employee post GCSE, be it A levels, an Apprenticeship, work with recognised training, or the requirement, ultimately, of a degree level qualification.

Sometimes, for a student, just having easy access to someone who they can get to know, and who can get to know them, their strengths and their doubts, their wishes and their dreams of where they would like to see themselves heading in the future, can be very useful.

No dreams for the future will be dismissed – just practical and honest advice given as to how their wishes might be progressed as well as addressing the problems that may be encountered. Amongst the practical advice on offer there is assistance with CV writing, making applications, guidance on how to make the right decisions when choosing GCSE options, preparation for interviews and much more.

If you are a student and would like to talk with me, please ask your tutor to contact me on your behalf and I will arrange a suitable time where we can meet safely within your year group bubble. If your parents/carers wish to speak with me they can call the school's main number and either ask for me or use the automated school answer system and enter on request my extension number, 564. If I am away from my desk please leave a message with your name, your son's name and year group and a number I can reach you on. My email address is: christinasansom@desborough-college.net

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Yours faithfully

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