

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Today is the start of National Apprenticeship Week 2022. Apprenticeship providers and employers across the country will be promoting current opportunities and as such, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that all Collyer's students are able to access information, advice and guidance regarding apprenticeships in a number of ways. The **Careers SharePoint Apprenticeship** page contains guidance on applying for an apprenticeship and highlights current events and opportunities available to support apprenticeship searches. *(Please note the Careers SharePoint site is only accessible via a student log in but we encourage students to look at the options with their parents).*

Our careers advisor Julie Crysell is available to provide personalised information, advice and guidance for any student who wishes to explore the possibility of an apprenticeship as a career path. Students can contact Julie by email [jac@collyers.ac.uk](mailto:jac@collyers.ac.uk) to book a careers interview. Further information on apprenticeships can be found on the [National Apprenticeship Week](#) and [Make the Future Yours](#) websites.

To coincide with National Apprenticeship Week 2022, Alex Burghart, Minister for Skills, has written to all students and parents/carers about the opportunities and benefits apprenticeships can bring to young people. We welcome the support this provides in raising awareness of the benefits of apprenticeships as a valuable career choice. We encourage you to read the [letter to parents/carers from Alex Burghart](#), Minister for Skills (DfE).

We would also like to remind you that Collyer's is hosting two **Next Steps: Careers** events in the week beginning 14th February. The **Next Steps: Careers Q&A** session with employer panel will be held live on Zoom on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 7-8pm. The panel, comprising of employers, training providers and apprentices, will discuss a range of career options including apprenticeships. Parents are encouraged to join this online event along with students. The **Next Steps: Careers Fair** will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 11am-3pm live in the Sports Hall. Students will be able to visit a wide range of local and national employer/apprenticeship stands to find out about potential roles and career paths.

Students can book spaces for both **Next Steps: Careers** events on the My Progress Shop, Enrichment page. Both events have limited availability, so early booking is advisable.

Best wishes,

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