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Dear Parents

Futures & Choices

Even though your son or daughter has just started Year 11, they will soon be making some very important choices about their futures. This letter sets out the support that the school can help with in order for them to make an informed decision. As in previous years we have organised a variety of events throughout the year. These are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday 6 October	Post 16 Parents' Information Evening	7pm
Tuesday 18 October	Cirencester Careers Convention	6pm to 8pm
Wednesday 16 November	Stroud College Taster Day (some pupils)	All Day
Friday 18 November	Choices Day at Cirencester College	All Day

I have also included with this letter a full list of the College and Sixth Form Open Days / Evenings that will hopefully be helpful in planning your diary. It is important that your child visits as many as possible in order to make an informed decision about their next step in their education and training.

All Year 11 pupils will be asked to complete a 'Possible Destination' survey over the next couple of weeks. The purpose of this survey will be to determine our pupils' current thinking so we are able to tailor our support accordingly. It is important, therefore, that pupils think carefully about this.

Careers Interviews - As you may be aware Connexions has been replaced by the Careers Service. As a result of these changes the support we are given has been dramatically reduced to 22 days. We are able to offer our Year 11 pupils a Guidance Interview, either with myself or Julie Russell, our Careers Advisor. If pupils don't turn up for their interview, there is no guarantee we are able to reschedule this. Appointments will be displayed on the big screens in school, announced in Daily Despatch and an appointment card will be put in their register.

My Career Match - There are a range of products that pupils are able to take advantage of which may be beneficial if they have very little idea of what they want to do in terms of study or employment after they leave school. My Careers Match is a diagnostic tool where pupils answer a series of questions. The results are displayed in a report which is emailed to you. This can be a very useful starting point to get pupils thinking about their futures. Further information is available on iDeer in the Futures & Choices section, together with a sample report. I have completed this myself and it is pretty accurate in its outcomes. **The cost of this is £4.00.** If you would like your child to complete this please complete the form overleaf and return it to the Finance Office together with a cheque for £4.00, made payable to Cirencester Deer Park School.

The **Morrisby Profile** is an internationally recognised series of assessments which together provide valuable information on ability and aptitude patterns and the sort of work and study environment that best suits the individual. The Morrisby Profile is not an exam or test. There is no pass or fail.

After completion of the profile individuals receive a 20 page analysis report which gives a unique insight to their character and a strong starting point for the exploration of career options.

The report suggests careers that match the person's natural aptitudes and abilities and will highlight any talents that they have not yet had opportunity to develop. The findings can help support further study and employment applications.

The student will then be invited to a group feedback session to discuss the content of the report. **The cost of the Morrisby Profile is £99.**

iDeer - We have taken considerable time to review and revise the Futures & Choices section on iDeer to make sure it contains information that is relevant to pupils in Year 11. Whilst they will be using some of the information in school, it is freely available to pupils whilst at home.

U-Xplore software is a package the school has subscribed to which offers pupils a huge library of career options. The software divided into several career areas that pupils can access and explore. It contains video content as well as an interactive element for some careers. It is a very worthwhile resource for pupils to investigate. It can be accessed via iDeer or <http://www.u-xplore.com/online/dsl/National-2.6/ue2-bestfit.asp> Pupils who have not already registered will need to do so and the registration code is 57009.

E-Clips is a package that contains lots of career information, such as entry requirements and progression as well as pay and benefits. This again can be accessed via iDeer or at <http://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> The password is GL7 1XB (don't forget the space).

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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Pupil Name:
Tutor Group:

I would like to order the following for my son / daughter

My Career Match (£4.00)

Morrisby Profile (£99)

I enclose payment of £____ (Cheques made payable to Cirencester Deer Park School).

Signed:
Date:

Please return this to the Finance Office in an envelope with your child's name and tutor group written on the front.