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Dear Parents/Carers,

Introduction to Careers

I hope you are well and had an enjoyable summer. As the new academic year begins, I am excited to share with you an overview of our comprehensive Careers Programme at RGS. My name is Mrs Thakrar, and I am delighted to serve as the school's Careers Lead in our second year as a National Centre of Excellence in Careers.

As a graduate of LSE (London School of Economics) with a background in the corporate world where I led recruitment programmes from student level to C-suite across several industries including the NHS, Honeywell, AOL, and KPMG, I bring practical experience and insight into career planning and development. Additionally, I am a qualified Psychologist with Level A and B psychometric testing qualifications with the British Psychological Society. This experience has shaped RGS' approach to careers education, ensuring that our students receive guidance that is both inspirational and forward-thinking.

Ms Morley-Smith serves as our Careers Administrator and provides invaluable support in managing and coordinating our Careers Programme. Her expertise and dedication ensure that every aspect of our careers education runs smoothly and effectively, complementing the guidance and initiatives that I oversee.

At RGS, we are committed to providing our students with a robust and innovative careers education, starting from Year 7. We believe that early exposure to career opportunities and guidance is essential in helping students develop a clear understanding of their potential pathways and the skills required to achieve their aspirations.

Our Careers Programme is designed to inspire and inform students about a wide range of career options, while also equipping them with the essential skills needed for their future success. In addition to our general programme, we are pleased to offer personalised guidance to support each student in exploring their unique interests and talents. To that extent, Mrs Lewis, our external Careers Advisor visits the school on a weekly basis. Students also benefit from peer-to-peer support through our Careers Champions, who are assigned to each year group to offer guidance and share their insights and experiences.

To learn more about our detailed Careers Programme for this academic year and discover the various opportunities and activities we have planned for your child's year group, please click [here](#). We encourage you to review it and discuss the upcoming activities and opportunities with them. Your support and involvement play a crucial role in their career exploration and decision-making process.

If you have any questions or require further information, please get in touch. We look forward to working together to support your child's journey towards a bright and successful future and thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

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