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Work Based Learning Programme

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very pleased to be able to invite you to a special evening on Tuesday 10 October at 6:30-7:30pm to introduce our new course that is unique to the region. We know that many students want a Post-16 pathway into work, rather than studying for A Levels, and look for an alternative to a traditional Sixth Form, but they and their parents still want the pastoral care and support offered by a school.

Our innovative Work Based Learning Programme is aimed at students with ambitions to transition smoothly into the world of work. In partnership with successful, highly regarded local companies, this one year course in which students spend part of the week in school and the remainder in a work placement, will lead students to employment or apprenticeships.

This is an education and training programme combining real, beneficial work experience with the study of employability skills, to develop the skills and experience that employers are seeking. At the end of the programme the students will receive a Work Based Learning qualification called The Astley Cooper Employment Certificate.

Companies we are working with include SWR, Osborne Property Services, RSK, Marlowes, and Apex 360. Placement opportunities in engineering, banking, finance, retail, practical trades, mechanics, administration, project management, ICT support, and legal services will all be available.

As well as hearing about the course itself, you will hear a representative from West Herts College and one of our partners from the Department of Work and Pensions talk about apprenticeships. We also hope to have one of young people from this year's cohort, who has just started their placement talk about their experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Stevens

Deputy Headteacher



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