



Our Ref: ARE Yr12 Mock Int

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Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2024 - Mock Interviews

You may recall that I wrote to you recently describing our annual Pathways Week for year 12, set to take place from Tuesday 10th June to Friday 13th June. I would like to give you a little more detail about the mock interviews that will take place during this event.

On Friday 13th June we will be inviting representatives from a variety of businesses and higher education establishments to act as interviewers for our students. The interviewers will be asked to treat the process as the 'real thing', providing a realistic and formal experience, so that students can practice their skills in a controlled and safe environment, before the need to face a true selection process presents itself.

Students will be given an interview appointment and prior information about their interviewer. Wherever possible, the interviewer will be aligned to the career interests of the student. Students are also encouraged to treat the experience as real, dressing and behaving appropriately for a formal interview situation. They will take part in a short interview, encouraging them to speak about themselves with someone that they do not know, with time afterwards for some feedback and discussion in a more informal way.

Over the course of the day, interviewers will be asked to select one of their interviewees for the 'You're Hired' accolade. An overall winner will be chosen by the Sixth Form team once all the nominations have been collected.

PLEASE NOTE: Students should dress appropriately for their interview. Suggested work wear includes:

Smart shoes - no trainers, high tops or flimsy sandals

Smart dress - e.g. skirt or trousers and blouse with a jacket or blazer (if available). A shirt and tie always makes a good impression.

Although many students will now be enjoying the benefits of part time work, it is unlikely that the selection process was in itself particularly formal. Gaining practical experience of the interview process can be invaluable in dispelling nerves and anxiety around future interview situations.

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The thought of the interview process is nerve-wracking for the best of us, and we at Sigma Sixth fully understand that some students will find the very idea daunting. With your help, we can make the experience a hugely beneficial and positive learning opportunity for all involved. I therefore ask that you take some time to discuss the subject with your son/daughter, maybe with some of your own experiences, to encourage them to meet the challenge in a positive way.

If you would like to discuss any of these arrangements, or have any questions, please contact me on 01255 424266 or email sixthform@cchs.school.

Yours faithfully

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