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Dear Parents and Carers

YEAR 8 CAREERS EDUCATION, INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE [CEIAG]

I am writing to give you an update of the work that is underway at Seaford Head School to support Year 8 students with Careers Education, ahead of the process of making their options choices.

Fast Tomato

Mrs Stanyard has shared information with Year 8 students about 'Fast Tomato' which is a useful website to which we subscribe for students to acquire information about different jobs and careers:

To help you think about different careers that interest you, I would like to introduce you all to 'Fast Tomato'. You all now have access to this and to sign up, you just need our school code, which is **BZDB**. Once you have signed up, make sure you write down your new username and password so you can then use again! This website will allow you to complete an individual career questionnaire and then help you to think about some different careers that may interest you, based on your answers. Here is the main link to the website:

<https://ft.morrisby.com/account/signup>

and below is link to a short video explaining what to do, so have a go.

https://youtu.be/eBGB_R25ciQ

Green Careers: Employer Experiences

We are grateful to staff at The Railway Land Project in Lewes who have worked in collaboration with The South Downs National Park to produce some careers videos. This activity will introduce students to some other jobs that people do locally. They are all related to 'Green' or 'Environmental' STEM careers but include a range of skills and responsibilities.

Students can look at the power point that I have emailed them or follow the link to the website, where there are several short videos to watch. Once the videos have been watched, there is a chance to ask questions of the people in the videos. They will then record and return their answers for us to watch next month. Feedback and questions can be entered in the Survey Monkey questionnaire.

Website: <https://www.railwaylandproject.org/green-careers>

Questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DQFKT5M>

I will be awarding House points for everyone who completes the questionnaire and there will be some postcards and a special prizes for the most thoughtful questions. Next month, students will be able to watch the replies to your questions!

E-Clips Website

Students can do their own research on the E-Clips website to which Seaford Head School subscribes, <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> [password: BN25 4LX]. We encourage students to look at this website and discuss ideas with parents and carers at home. You can search for specific jobs or identify jobs that are linked to your favourite subjects. For each job you can glean information about qualifications needed, salary and how many people work in that profession. We hope that this will help to open up discussions at home about the choices that lay ahead.

You can gain more information about apprenticeships here:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>

and search for locally available apprenticeships here:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Keep in Touch and Up-to-Date

Students can find out about all the latest careers information by checking our SharePoint page which can be accessed here:

<https://seafordheadschoo.sharepoint.com/sites/SeafordHead/Students/LRCCareers>

The LRC and careers page is updated regularly with Post-16 open events and newly available apprenticeships. You can find links to other careers advice websites, such as '*Fast Tomato*' and '*E-clips*'.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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