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Dear Parents and Carers

Careers Information, Advice and Guidance is an important part of your child's education. Valuable information can be found on the academy's website via the following links.

Please click into the following: Careers > Careers Guidance - Student.

Help your child to explore their future



As part of our commitment to prepare students for a rapidly changing world, we are delighted to announce that we are using an innovative online resource called **Start**.

Start will help your child to connect with their future career potential, develop their employability and help them to explore future career and study options at school or at home.

How should my child use it?

We have asked students to create their own account for **Start** at school, but it is accessible anytime on computers and compatible mobile and tablet devices.

Your child will personalise their profile on **Start** with details about their skills, qualities, interests and work preferences. This provides a starting point for them to explore information matched to their personal preferences and interests. As they update their profile, **Start** will personalise this information, helping them to navigate the thousands of jobs, courses, providers and opportunities available. **Start** will help students to understand where they are on their journey and what's important as they make their choices at GCSE, post-16 and post-18.

We encourage you to use **Start** with your child at home. Encourage them to rate jobs, qualifications, colleges or universities so that we can see their preferences in order to support them better.

What if I want to use Start myself?

Parents can also use **Start** to find out more about jobs, training and study opportunities for yourself. Please do not log in using your child's user details and instead register yourself using the steps outlined, creating your own username and password.

For more information on **Start** or the support available for your child, please contact Alison Hughes

Yours faithfully

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How to Register: Parent Guide

Welcome to Start!

These instructions explain how to register for Start. To create your own username and password, please follow the simple steps below.

Go to www.startprofile.com or the link via the website and click **Register**

Enter your first name, surname, email address, postcode and gender

Tip: if you forget your username or password we will use the email address you provide to send you a reminder

Choose a memorable username and a secure password and click **Get Started**

Click **Login** and enter your username and password. Click **Login**

The first time you log in you will be required to complete the following:

Select **"I am a Parent and would like to use Start with my children."**

If your child has not already registered with START then ask them to register as a student creating user name and password they will then be asked to login > Password is OLDERSHAW. If your child has forgotten their username or password Form Tutors can reset.