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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our careers programme, students in every year group have the opportunity to meet different employer volunteers and learn about work and careers in a variety of sectors. This Friday, in their PSE session, Year 7 students will participate in their first employer event - a live Virtual Careers Chat.

We hope that this will give them an insight into some of the jobs that people do and help them to learn about the skills that are needed for different roles.

They will hear about the following jobs from our employer volunteers:

Software Engineer Clinical Researcher Conference and Business Interpreter Photographer

The talk will be interactive and students will have the opportunity to ask questions so we have asked them to consider what they would like to know about these roles.

To help them prepare we have also asked them to log on to a Careers site called Xello which helps equip students with the knowledge and skills to get ahead in today's labour market. This is part of GMACS (Greater Manchester Apprenticeship and Careers Service), one of the Mayor's manifesto pledges to help give students a clear line of sight for their futures. Students have been provided with all the log in instructions but unfortunately the site is currently experiencing some technical issues - we will inform them as soon as they can access it. In the meantime, they can visit icould.com to help them research these jobs prior to the talk and come up with some questions they would like to ask.

I am sure that students will enjoy this event!

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Kinder Head of Careers

If you or the organisation your work for would like to support any of our future events please do get in contact with me at <u>nkinder@urmstongrammar.org.uk</u>. Our Careers Programme relies heavily on the support of volunteers which includes parents, alumni and the wider community.



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