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Dear Parent/Carer

On **Thursday 4th November**, Year 11 will be taking part in a **'World of Work'** event. This is an important day for your son/daughter as they begin their preparation for leaving education and planning their future pathways. Students will take part in an exciting range of workshops including preparing a CV and practicing interview skills that will help them to develop the essential skills they need as they enter the world of work.

The students will also have the opportunity to speak to a range of employers in a 'careers speed networking' style workshop. Being able to do this confidently is a skill they will use in many situations in the future, including sixth form or apprenticeship interviews, voluntary work, university and other development opportunities. We will support the students in preparing for this session by giving them some suggested questions to ask the employers taking part and also encouraging them to develop their own questions – they may also find it helpful to discuss these with you prior to the event.

In addition to the above, as part of our Careers Programme, we will be running careers presentations on Thursday lunchtimes throughout the academic year for students in Years 9 and above.

These talks are delivered by individuals who are currently working in these professions and, as such, provide an excellent opportunity for students to hear about the realities of these jobs and routes into the sector. Research shows that there is a relationship between the number of encounters students have with employers whilst at school and their confidence in progressing towards careers goals. Please therefore encourage your son/daughter to sign up for any of these talks that they may be interested in. Further talks are currently in the pipeline including Digital Marketing, IT and Languages amongst others. Students should check their emails closer to the date for details on how to sign up.

Thursday 25th November 1.30pm	Biomedical Research Head of Global Clinical Operations MAC Clinical Research
Thursday 2 nd December 1.30pm	British Army
Thursday 9 th December 1.30pm – P2 (Virtual Presentation)	Science Radiation Protection Adviser Jacobs



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In addition to these talks, we send out regular emails to students in Years 10 and above with work experience opportunities – there are some incredible programmes available and too many to list here but useful websites where these are advertised include https://uptree.co/students/; https://www.springpod.com/ and https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/.

We are always extremely grateful for any support parents can provide in relation to our Careers Programme. If you or the organisation you work for are able to support us with careers presentations or work experience placements for our Year 10 and Year 12 students, please do get in contact with me at nkinder@urmstongrammar.org.uk . We can only run these events with this support. Whilst we are interested in building contacts in all sectors, in response to student feedback, we would particularly love to hear from anyone working in a creative field that can help.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Kinder **Head of Careers**



