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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Urmston Grammar School is committed to providing students with information on all their future pathways, and once again we are supporting the 17th National Apprenticeship Week (5th-9th February 2024). The theme this year is 'Skills for Life', encouraging everyone to consider how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and employers to develop a workforce with future ready skills.

As part of the week Manchester Metropolitan University will be speaking to Year 12 students about Degree Apprenticeships on Monday morning, whereas Trafford College will be speaking to Year 10 students about their provision, which includes T Levels and Apprenticeships, on Friday morning. Please encourage your child to check their school e-mails throughout the week if they want to take part in some fun activities to gain house points and have a chance to win prizes!

We are also getting ready to celebrate **National Careers Week (4th-9th March 2024)** and will be in contact with more information about this soon.

During this half term I have mainly supported students in Year 9 with their post-14 options, and I have continued to support students in Years 11 and 13 with their post-16 and post-18 options where necessary. After half term I will begin holding Careers Interviews with all students in Year 12 to explore their post-18 options, and these will take place during the Spring and Summer Terms. As a reminder, all students can also request guidance or attend the weekly Careers lunch time drop-in sessions on Wednesdays from 1:30pm in the Careers Office at the back of the LRC.

The attached doc **Useful Information for Parents NAW2024** may be of interest to you regarding apprenticeships and National Apprenticeship Week 2024. Please also see the attached weekly **Careers Newsletter** for parents.

Yours faithfully, Amy Marshall CEIAG Co-Ordinator (Careers Adviser & Co-ordinator)