



Urmston Grammar School

4th February 2026

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 19th **National Apprenticeship Week (9th-15th February 2026)**. The theme this year is '**Skills for Life**', encouraging everyone to celebrate how apprenticeships and skills help us all reach our full potential, by breaking down barriers to opportunity and driving economic growth by developing the skills employers need.

On Friday 6th, Trafford College Group will be speaking to Year 10 students about their provision, which includes T Levels and Apprenticeships. As part of the week, Manchester Metropolitan University will be speaking to Year 12 students about Degree Apprenticeships on Monday morning. Meanwhile, all Year 7-13 students will also be taking part in relevant house and form time activities throughout the week.

We are also getting ready to celebrate **National Careers Week (2nd-7th March 2026)** 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. Next week I will begin holding one-to-one Careers Guidance Meetings with all students in Year 12 to explore their post-18 options, and all students have been booked in before Thursday 7th May. Any that don't attend will have to wait for a rearranged meeting during the last two weeks before the May half term. As a reminder, all students can also access guidance by attending the weekly Careers lunch time drop-in sessions on Wednesdays from 1:15pm-2:00pm in the Careers Office at the back of the LRC.

The attached doc **Useful Information for Parents NAW2026** may be of interest to you regarding apprenticeships and National Apprenticeship Week 2026. Please also see the attached weekly **Careers Newsletter**.

Yours faithfully,

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