

28th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Careers Lead at The Brittons Academy. I will be working with our Careers Co-ordinator, Mrs Hissey, to deliver an excellent programme of careers support for all students, with particular focus on Year 11.

We are aware of how unsettling the past six months have been for our students and want to allay any anxiety Year 11 students and parents may have regarding the transition from Year 11 into Post-16 choices and future career options.

We have worked hard to put together a programme designed to fully support all Year 11 students with making the right decisions for their future. After five years at the academy, we want our students to be as aspirational as possible and reach their full potential.

With this in mind, we will be rolling out the following in school during the Autumn Term:

- **1:1 Careers face to face meetings for Year 11 students with Mrs Hissey**
- **1:1 Careers virtual meetings for Year 11 students with our Trust Careers Adviser**
- **College Transfer Evening Presentation for parents and students**
- **Virtual Work Experience Programme**
- **Virtual Information Pack from NCC Havering Colleges**
- **Virtual Careers Fair**
- **Year 11 College Information Assembly**
- **Form Group Workshops run by NCC Havering Colleges**

In addition to the above, we will also be providing regular information for students and parents about college open events that will be taking place at local/specialist colleges and school sixth forms throughout the Autumn term. **We will be sending this information to your son/daughter's school email account and will also send a text to parents/carers.**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many events and opportunities will be virtual this year so it is very important that both you and your child check all avenues (email, phone and Twitter) for communication regularly and encourage your child to participate in virtual events at home.

We are very proud to announce the launch of our Brittons Careers twitter account – we will be adding regular information on different career pathways, virtual open events and careers events so we would encourage you and your son/daughter to follow us at **@BrittonsCareers**.

We would also welcome feedback from you regarding our careers programme and what support you would like us to provide for your son/daughter – we would be very grateful if you could use the following link to complete a short survey, as this will help us to continue to provide your child with valuable support – this link can also be found on our Twitter page @BrittonsCareers -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWpGr95lgkV-IG4wFXAp0Nkc1rHB7uznSGf3TpXleQG49nzA/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions regarding careers or post-16 choices, please feel free to contact us in school;

Mrs M Philpot – philpotm@brittons.havering.sch.uk – 01708 630002 ext 149
Mrs P Hissey – hisseyp@brittons.havering.sch.uk – 01708 630002 ext 127

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your son/daughter is fully supported during this important final year at The Brittons Academy.

Yours faithfully,

MRS M PHILPOT
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – CAREERS LEAD