



THE WEBBER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Achieving Excellence Together

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Dear Parents/Guardians

To Parents of Students in Years 9-13 for the Academic Year 2016-2017

In order to support our students beyond the confines of school, we will continue with what is already a successful holistic Work Related Learning Programme that commences in Year 5, and will carry them through the rest of their school career at The Webber Independent, enabling them to prepare for their futures intelligently.

In Year 9, students will participate in a one day workshop which introduces them to the concepts of the world beyond school and guides them into recognising where they need to start to focus in order to meet certain future intended lifestyle choices.

As students move into Year 10 and beyond, the Work Related Careers Programme continues to develop.

- A series of interest and aptitude tests, run in conjunction with a professional careers testing body – Cambridge Occupational Analysts – with follow up reports and interviews, 1:1 with students; providing guidance, advice, strategies and stimulating further research investigating: Work Experience in Year 10 / Post-16 qualification courses and Career choices - in Years 11/12.
- Appropriate work experience opportunities in Year 10 / Sixth Form summer placements (optional) / We will also assist with any gap year placements and provide support with choices and administration
- Specialist Study Skills Sessions in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13

The outcomes of this programme will be highly beneficial to all students in enabling them to make the appropriate and relevant career choices, without inhibiting flexibility and with realistic expectations of interest and aptitude. The programme is supported throughout with a variety of scaffolding mechanisms, including pastoral support; academic support and PSHCE and Life Skills learning.

The costs for the academic year 2016-2017 will be as follows:

	£	includes
Year 9	45	Careers Programme
Year 10	150	Study Skills, COA testing & interview, work experience.
Year 11	90	Study Skills, career progression workshops
Year 12	55	Study Skills, career progression workshops
Year 13	55	Open days, Study Skills, coaching, interviews and post A level applications support

Please note that costs are passed on from external suppliers. Wherever possible, we have absorbed expenditure. Extensive research has been undertaken to ensure costs will be kept to a minimum and value added is maximised.

This programme is fundamentally important to your child's progression and will maximise on the investment you have already made in their education. To this end, the costs in each year will automatically be added to your Autumn Term invoice.

We look forward to an exciting and invaluable experience in supporting our students beyond our gates.

Yours sincerely

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