



ASn/esk
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Dear Parents and Carers

WE NEED YOU.....!

In order to help us to deliver our careers and work related learning programme, I am asking for help from one of our most valuable resources: you!

I would like to run a labour market information day at school, giving our students the opportunity to find out more about the world of work, different pathways into employment, the different job sectors and a range of different careers.

The day would be aimed at Year 9 with students being split into small groups and then attending throughout the day a range of workshops and talks. **Each workshop would focus on a particular area and include, ideally, 2 - 3 parents / carers who have experience in a particular field.** The day would run as a carousel and so each session would be repeated during the day to a different group of students.

The focus areas I would like to include are:

- Pathways into employment through apprenticeships
- Pathways into employment as a graduate
- Being self employed
- Working in the public sector
- Working in the private sector
- Working in the voluntary sector
- Uniformed services (Army, Navy, RAF, Police, fire service, etc)
- Women working in a STEM careers (science / technology / engineering / maths)
- Unusual jobs
- Doing 2 or more completely different careers

If you would like to volunteer to contribute towards sessions in any of these areas and be part of what will be a fantastic learning opportunity for our girls, please email me at: asluman@st-edmunds.eu

I am unable to confirm a date for the event at this point and it, will of course, only be able to go ahead if we have enough volunteers.

It is worth noting that research from the Education and Employers Taskforce shows that a young person who has four or more encounters with an employer is 86% less likely to be unemployed or not in education or training (NEAT) and can earn up to 22% more during their career.

We want to challenge perceptions and raise aspirations so that subject and career choices are free from gender bias and the girls are able to look beyond their immediate environment to new and exciting possibilities and be inspired about new opportunities they may not have known about or thought they could not achieve.

I really look forward to hearing from you; if you would like to discuss this in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Ms Sluman
Careers Coordinator