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Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Careers in the Armed Forces and STEM Engagement**

Oasis Academy Mayfield are passionate about raising aspirations and employability opportunities for all of our students and we are delighted to be offering a half-day engagement session with the Armed Forces, specifically, The Royal Navy and The Royal Army.

These days are opportunities for students to find out about the wide range of careers within the Armed Forces from catering, medicine, and engineering to front line defence and cyber drone usage. In addition, these sessions offer valuable opportunities to develop soft skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership which are invaluable in any workplace.

The Armed Forces are keen to also engage students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and have also created a session where students will be encouraged to use their knowledge and skills from these subjects to engage with the activity.

The sessions for **8O, 8G and 8I** will take place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** and the sessions for **8R, 8Y, 8B and 8V** will take place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. These sessions will take place between Periods 1 and 3 with their usual 20-minute break between 10.40-11.00am.

For the day that they are due to have these activities **only**, students are kindly asked to come in their PE kit so they can actively participate in the sessions. These sessions will be mostly outdoors so in addition to PE kit, they may wear **black or navy jogging bottoms** and a **long-sleeved top/jumper** and a **coat**. Our uniform policy **does not accept hoodies** and hoodies may not be worn for the session nor in the academy before or after the sessions. A student who comes to school in PE kit when it is not their session will be asked to go home to change.

We expect this to be an exciting opportunity for our Year 8s and one that will really start to motivate them about their futures. However, should you have any concerns around participation, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Mr Grindley or Ms Godwin to discuss further.

Yours Faithfully,

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