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Dear Parent / Carer

University of Cambridge Virtual Session

During the course of Year 9 your child will be making important decisions on the next phase of their education, namely their GCSE options. We believe it is vital that we offer information and advice which will support them in making informed decisions and to understand how their choices are related to their Post-16 opportunities.

We are delighted to inform you that the University of Cambridge will be offering a virtual session to your child introducing them to post-16 options broadly and also to the different university options open to them. It will provide information of the benefits and destinations of a broad range of degree choices as well as the difference between Oxford/Cambridge University and other universities.

Your child has been specifically chosen for this opportunity based on their prior attainment and progress. This opportunity will take place on **Thursday 05 November 2020** during **Period 1** (9.30-10.30am). The session will be led by the Trinity College Outreach team online and facilitated in the classroom by their normal classroom teacher. Students will be able to ask questions about university and the session via their classroom teacher who will send student questions to the outreach team on the online platform.

What can I do to support my child with their understanding of Post-16 options?

Your involvement is important to ensuring that your child makes decisions that are challenging, aspirational and crucially, are right for them. We have listed some resources below that you can access for free which will support your conversations with your students:

- ***To Infinity, choices and beyond! A Parents' Guide*** – A handy online booklet which explains every step of education from Year 9 through to University. This can be accessed here: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/okfun/czdo/#p=6>
- ***Making a plan for the future*** – A website with resources and quizzes that can be used with your child to consider their skills, strengths and how to make their desired career a reality. This can be accessed here: <https://www.sunoutreach.org/flying-start/making-a-plan-for-your-future-soton/>
- ***Oasis Academy Mayfield; Careers Guidance*** – Our website has a Careers Guidance section which is regularly updated with information, resources and clips for you to access. You can also join our Oasis Southampton Careers Facebook page with information from colleges and universities regarding Open Days and other opportunities. This can be accessed here: <https://www.oasisacademymayfield.org/curriculum/careers-guidance>

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We hope that these resources will support you in facilitating conversations with your child about their future and we look forward to informing you of further opportunities that we will be facilitating. In the meantime, we do hope that your child finds the virtual session on Friday 6th November informative and interesting.

Yours faithfully,

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