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Dear Parent/Carer

'Future Generation' - Empowering young people to succeed

I am delighted to tell you that we have successfully secured funding from the National Careers and Enterprise Fund ('CEF') to pilot a new and exciting project exclusively for Year 9 and 10 students from our four Outwood Academies in the Teesside area.

The 'Future Generation' project will give your son/daughter the opportunity to engage directly with employers by participating in a range of activities and events, including careers fairs, workshops and mentoring.

Through this interaction we hope that students will gain an insight into the world of work and will also start thinking earlier about the career path they might want to take. To support this we will also be introducing a new 'Employability Skills Pledge' - further details to follow shortly.

For the initial phase of this project we would like each student to complete a short on-line careers interest questionnaire which will help them to learn more about themselves and discover what interests and motivates them.

The questionnaire lasts approximately 20 minutes, it is entirely visual and involves no writing.

Once the questionnaire is completed the results will be collated and a report emailed direct to each student. The report will identify individual skills and interests, potential career pathways and include links to careers libraries and a range of online resources for further information.

To take part in the questionnaire each student must have an email address in order for him/her to receive the report results, this can be their own personal address or a parent/carer account.

Email address details will be kept entirely confidential and will not be used for any other purpose but to communicate information about this project.

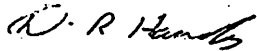
If you are happy for your son/daughter to take part in the questionnaire then please can you complete the attached permission form and indicate the email address you would like us to use. **Please hand the permission slip in to Student Services.**

Finally, we have pledged to sign-up at least 150 companies to commit employee time to support the students taking part in this project. Therefore we would be grateful if you could promote this opportunity within the companies you work for and/or provide details of anyone you think may be interested on the form attached.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Project Coordinator, Candace Gilbert on c.gilbert@bydales.outwood.com.

As ever, I'd like to thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Hands".

Dan Hands
Assistant Principal (Deep Experience)



FUTURE GENERATION PROJECT

Year 9 and 10 Students

Student name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child.....to complete the Careers Interests Questionnaire.

Please send the questionnaire results and any other relevant project information to this email address:

Parent/Carer

Name(s): _____

Signature:

Email address details will be kept entirely confidential and will not be used for any other purpose but to communicate about this project.

If you are an employer or know of a company interested in supporting the Future Generation project, please complete the form below and the Project Coordinator, Candace Gilbert, will be in touch to discuss further.

Name: _____

Job title (if applicable): _____

Company: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Alternatively please email Candace direct on c.gilbert@bydales.outwood.com.

Thank you again for all your help and support it is much appreciated.