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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you that The Hastings Academy Careers Advice, Information and Guidance Programme for all Year 10 students will begin during term 6. The package in place is as follows:-

Year 10 College Taster days:

In order to support pupils with their transition to KS5, we have secured taster days at our local colleges. On both these days, students will attend KS5 style lessons of their choice which they reserve online in advance of the day. Students will not be required to wear school uniform and we request that they make their own way there and back. For both days students will need to sign up online and select the subjects they would like to attend. The deadline for online sign up is 1st June 2018.

Sussex Coast College Taster Day: 4th July 2018, 9am-3pm.

<http://www.sussexcoast.ac.uk/>

Enclosed with this letter is guidance on how to sign up online.

Bexhill College Taster: 10th July 2018, 9am-3pm

www.bexhillcollege.ac.uk/tasterdays

Sign up online is very simple with their website and so no guidance is necessary.

Lion's Den

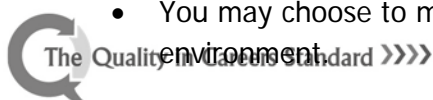
The Hastings Academy will be participating in the Lion's Den event taking place on the 11th and 12th July 2018. During this two day event, students in Year 10 will attend a Careers Fayre, where they will find out about the different colleges and courses provided in our local area, as well as the businesses and apprenticeship opportunities available to them. They will also have the chance to speak with employers and find out about different professions. In addition to this, students will take part in a workshop on how to present themselves and ideas, as well as a team skills activity.

To promote the idea of work, business and develop employability skills, students will also be set a social enterprise challenge. The brief for this challenge is as follows:-

To develop a product, service or independent venture for our local community and devise a pitch.

- You may choose to create a one-off pop up café and raise money for a local charity
- You may choose to develop a spelling book aide-memoire for local Year 5 students to help with literacy

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- You may choose to make jewellery from recycled products to promote awareness for our



Students will work in groups of no more than 5, of their choice, and then come up with their own idea and develop a pitch which is to last 5 minutes. They will then present this pitch in groups of 5 to two members of staff. If they are successful, students will then present to a panel of 'Lions' on 16th July, which will include Stuart Smith, Principal, and four other local business people who we are currently confirming.

So that students embrace this entrepreneurial experience we request that students attend school wearing smart office dress. Students do not have to wear a suit, but smart trousers or skirt with a collared shirt or polo shirt; a tie is optional. We request no jeans, no offensive logos, no trainers and no shorts. We recognise that wearing something other than uniform may be challenging and so full school uniform will also be acceptable.

If you any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on c.macmillan@hasla.org.uk

Yours faithfully



Cordelia Macmillan
Assistant Principal

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Please complete and return the slip confirming that your child has signed up for both college taster days.

My child _____ has signed up for both
Sussex Coast College Taster Days on 4th July and Bexhill College Taster day on 10th July.

Signed by _____ (parent/carer)