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Year 10 Students

Dear parent/carers

We would like to offer the opportunity for some students in year 10 to work with a mentor from January until December 2017. These mentors will be trained and experienced professionals from businesses, charities and public services around Cambridge, selected and matched with children based on the child's interests and areas they want to develop.

Your child has the chance to be matched with a mentor and to meet with them once a month to focus on areas they want to develop, like organisation skills, confidence or getting ideas about future careers.

The Mentoring programme is run by Form the Future, a social enterprise that works with schools to help all students learn about the world of work, get inspired and informed about the options open to them. They bring people from businesses into schools and support work experience programmes so that students get the chance to learn in the workplace. Mentoring is one of their most powerful programmes but numbers are limited.

Last year, they ran a mentoring pilot and 80% of students found it helpful – and 100% of the mentors believed the students gained from the experience.

The mentor will meet your child on a monthly basis, excluding school holidays. The sessions will be held at school.

If you would like your child to get the support of a mentor, then they need to complete the application form and return it to Miss Hields or myself by Wednesday 2nd November 2016.

If you would like to find out more about the mentoring scheme and the pilot from last year there is a short video clip that can be viewed using the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs1uVvp7vSA>

Places for the mentoring programme are limited and will be allocated based on application form and interview. Whilst this is open for all to apply, we will be looking for the students who we feel will benefit the most from this programme and who will be fully committed to successfully completing the programme.

Yours faithfully

Ms V Poulter
Vice Principal