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Dear Parent/Carer

CAREERS PROVISION AT MILLTHORPE

As a school we have worked hard over the years to deliver independent careers information and guidance and we have embedded a strong programme for our students providing advice, support and information on their options and choices post-16.

This year we are starting to expand this programme. We have taken feedback from our students, staff and parents/carers and we will now be able to offer a more rounded and comprehensive progression programme through to Key Stage 5. Updated details of what we provide will be sent out to parents/carers in the coming weeks and will be available on our website along with links to other sites which can inform, support and guide both you and your child through this process. One useful link recently added is to the 'Shape Your Future' booklet, which gives information and guidance on the local labour market and has been provided by National Careers Service in Yorkshire and the Humber

On Monday 5 December our Year 11 students will be participating in one of our Progression events. 'Exploring Pathways' is a carousel of sessions co-ordinated by NYBEP (North Yorkshire Business and Education Partnership) and designed to offer students opportunities to research and question where they will go and what they will do when they leave Millthorpe.

We have representatives in from all the local Sixth Forms and Colleges so that students can ask specific questions directly to their staff. Most bring along former Millthorpe students giving them the opportunity to discuss with peers. York College and Askham Bryan also run sessions giving more detailed information on applying and opportunities for specific questioning.

We also explore Higher Education options, to help students think further ahead as this could have an impact on their choices for Further Education. We will also host a careers fair with representatives from many local and national employers. The aim of this is for students to meet and discuss with actual employers what they look for in candidates when recruiting and advice on working in their specific career sectors.

A new phase to our Progression Programme will be to then offer all students an introductory tutorial to START. START is a free on-line careers programme which helps students to explore, investigate and plan possible career paths. It also assists students in quantifying what skills, qualities and interests they have and which career sectors these might fit into. In no way does this programme tell the students what job to aspire to, but it does offer some support and direction to students who have no idea where to

start, or can give more detailed guidance to students who know where they want to be but not how to get there! All students will complete their tutorial on Monday 5 or Tuesday 6 December. A link to the START site and a user guide (for both students and parents/carers) can be found on our website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Burton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Mr T Burton
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