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Dear Parents and Carers

### Excellence Programme – Time to Make Choices

We were delighted to introduce our **Excellence Programme** to all our students yesterday, which starts on **Wednesday 29 September**. At the introduction lesson your child was given a paper copy of the Excellence Brochure for their Key Stage which lists all the different sessions on offer that they can choose from for this first term. [These can also be referenced HERE on our website](#). They will experience a difference Excellence Programme session each term.

It would be great if you could find time to look through this with your child, encouraging **open-mindedness** so they choose sessions where they either have a talent or interest that could be developed further, or where they can be courageous and take a risk with trying something totally new or different. **Our intention is for them to build skills and have experiences in a wide range of areas through the year, so they are broadening their horizons and becoming increasingly impressive to future employers.**

[SHORTSTUDENTNAME] must make their choices online using [SchoolsBuddy](#). They have been emailed a link to set this up, to their school email address. **They have until 20 September to select THREE sessions** that they are interested in. We will try to ensure everyone gets allocated to one of the three sessions they have selected.

The Excellence Programme runs every two weeks on Wednesdays, alternating with our Personal Development programme. There is a Year Planner at the front of the Student Notebook where it would be useful for your child to record week by week whether it is Excellence Programme or Personal Development. [Term Dates can be viewed HERE](#).

Best wishes  
Mrs J Pearce  
Careers Lead & Excellence Programme Coordinator

