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Dear Year 10 families,

### **Mock Application and Interviews - Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May**

Welcome back to a new Unit at Blaise. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to school this week, and we have an exciting Unit ahead for our Year 10 students.

As part of our commitment to preparing our students for future success, we are excited to announce a Mock application and Interview process for our Year 10 students that will take place next week.

#### **The Mock Application and Interview Process**

On Thursday 30th April students will work through a workbook with the support of teachers across three lessons. This workbook will guide them in:

- Filling out a realistic application form.
- Crafting a compelling personal statement.
- Preparing thoughtful answers to potential interview questions.

On Friday 1st May, students will be invited to participate in a mock practice interview, approximately 15 minutes in length, conducted by volunteers from various industries. The students will receive feedback from the interviewers on their application and interview.

Engaging in this process will provide your child with invaluable experience in applying for colleges or 6th form placements, apprenticeships or jobs. It is an opportunity for them to:

- Develop a clear understanding of the application and interview process.
- Build confidence in articulating their strengths and aspirations.
- Reflect on their skills, achievements, and areas for growth.
- Gain firsthand insights and feedback from industry professionals.

When interacting with industry professionals, students should feel confident that they can show their very best selves, and continue to demonstrate the pride, integrity, and aspiration that define our school. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home.

#### **How You Can Support Your Child**

Your encouragement and involvement can greatly enhance your child's experience in this process. Here are some ways you can support them:

1. **Discuss Their Goals:** Talk to your child about their career aspirations and how this process can help them achieve these goals.
2. **Conduct Mock Interviews:** Role-play interview scenarios at home to help them practise their answers and improve their confidence. At the end of this letter you will find the potential interview questions that will be provided to our interviewers.
3. **Share Experiences:** Share your own experiences with job applications and interviews, highlighting what you learned from them.

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We believe that with your support, our students can approach this process with pride and confidence. Together, we can help them climb their personal mountains to successful and fulfilling careers.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email ([leeses@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:leeses@blaisehighschool.co.uk)).

Yours sincerely,

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**Mr Sean Leese**  
**Careers Lead**

**Supporting your child's mock interview:**

The first six questions will be included in the interview. Questions 7-15 are extra questions that the interviewer may choose to ask.

1. How would you describe yourself?
2. What are your aspirations for the future in terms of your career?
3. Tell me about any commitments or hobbies you have outside of school? (part-time roles, clubs, hobbies, sports etc)
4. What are your top three skills?
5. Tell me about a time you showed this skill? (Interviewer will pick one of your top three skills from your answer) – use the prepared STAR format to answer this question
6. Do you have any questions for me?

Potential extra questions:

7. How do you balance your studies and social life?
8. Tell me about a time that you worked in a team, what went well and what were the challenges?
9. Why should a potential employer offer you a job?
10. If you had a job starting at 9am and you arrived at 9am, would you be late?
11. What's your favourite subject? Why?
12. What will you do if you can't follow your chosen path?
13. What skills or personal qualities do you feel you need to develop?
14. What is your proudest achievement?
15. How do you handle challenges or setbacks?

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