



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On **Tuesday 6th November 2018** we are holding an apprenticeship evening here at Stopsley High School at **6pm – 7pm**. The event is aimed at informing both students and parents about apprenticeships and we will have some apprenticeship providers available to talk to you and your child about the types of apprenticeships available, the entry requirements and career prospects within different sectors. Years ago, apprenticeships were thought of as a poor relation to a degree. That's changed. Now apprenticeships are viewed as a valid alternative to further and higher education — a dynamic way to learn, earn and develop practical skills that can enhance long-term career prospects.

Research shows that one in five of the top 100 apprenticeship employers have a former apprentice on their board. This highlights the contribution that an apprentice can make to an organisation and the value of apprenticeships to individuals career progression. We have seen the introduction of higher apprenticeships in new areas such as Law, Aerospace, Engineering, Finance, Digital Communication and even the Secret Service. Equivalent to degrees, more of these specialised and highly skilled apprenticeships are being offered each year, giving individuals the chance to continue their professional development and fully realise their potential.

On the evening there will be a short presentation delivered by Luton Borough Council Apprenticeships at 6:10pm and then you will be able to talk to some local apprenticeship providers as well as a former/current apprentice. If you are unable to accompany your child to the event, but wish your son/daughter to attend themselves please indicate that on the reply slip accompanying this letter.

Please complete the slip and ask your son/daughter to return it to **Mrs Huggins in the Careers Office room A130 by Wednesday 31st October 2018**

Kind Regards,

Eva Huggins

Careers Advisor

Name of student: _____

Form: _____

Delete as appropriate:

I/we will be attending the apprenticeship evening on 6/11/2018 at 6pm – 7pm

My/our son/daughter will be attending the event without an adult and will be collected at the end of the event/ will be making their own way home after the event

Signed: _____

Date: _____