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To Parents/Carers of all Senior Pupils

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Strategic Director:
Mark Armstrong

Dear Parent/Carer

**Future Pathways - Information Evening for Parents and Senior Pupils:
Wednesday 22 August 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm**

Each year large numbers of our pupils leave at the end of S5 and S6 to take up college or university courses. Many take the traditional route into higher education, while an increasing number are achieving qualifications through newly created apprenticeship schemes.

To achieve one's goal, regardless of the route, it is essential to ensure that the decisions made in the coming months are based on the most up-to-date information. It is vital to be aware of the variety of options available in order to fulfil a particular ambition; the aim of this evening is to provide information about these options and how best to support pupils through the application process and transition into higher education.

As such, we have invited a number of speakers from different establishments (please see overleaf) to deliver brief presentations, offer advice and answer questions. Our Careers Advisor, Avril Addison from Skills Development Scotland, will also be on hand in the library to answer any specific questions you may have about routes into particular careers.

I would emphasise that this evening will be most helpful for those intending to leave at the end of this session and we recommend that parents and sons/daughters attend together.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 22nd of August.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M-C McInally'.

M-C McInally
Head Teacher

Please reply to this email **no later than Monday 20th August 2018.**

In your email response, please state:

- **Who will be attending (name of pupil(s) (with class) and parents/carers).**
- **Which seminars you would like to attend in order of preference (three maximum).**
- **A back-up choice.**

E.g. John Smith 6P3 (Mr and Mrs Smith)

1. Dundee University Application Advice
2. Interview Skills
3. Graduate Level Apprenticeships
4. Dundee and Angus College (BACK UP)

Seminars

Dundee University: Application advice. (Representative from university)
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Dundee and Angus College: Routes to university. (Representative from college)
Interview Skills: An overview of the interview process and how to prepare. (Mr Lusby: Depute Head)
Personal Statements: Advice on content, style and structure. (Miss Herbert: UCAS Coordinator)
Graduate Level Apprenticeships: Suitable for those interested in studying Engineering, IT, or Business. (Representative from Dundee University)
SAAS (Student Awards Agency for Scotland): The most up-to-date Information on Student Finance. (Representative from SAAS).