

Ref: PS/TMG

8th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Y11 *What Next* Careers Event hosted by Outwood Academy Portland

I am delighted to inform you of an exciting opportunity that we would like your son/daughter to attend. On **Wednesday, 29th March 2023**. As part of the Careers Curriculum, Year 11 students will spend two lessons from their usual timetable to attend the **What Next** Careers Event at Outwood Academy Portland. Transport will be provided and students will be accompanied and supervised by their teachers throughout.

Information about the event:

What Next in North Notts is the careers platform for Bassetlaw and the surrounding area. The event will showcase a range of opportunities to engage people in different career options and facilitate informed decisions about their 'next best step' into the world of work or ongoing education.

What Next is supported by employers, stakeholders and providers from across the region to demonstrate the range of career opportunities, wider apprenticeships, work experience, vocational / academic study and Higher education options. By showcasing opportunities, we aspire to make more young people aware about their options.

The event is funded by the North Notts BID and is being delivered in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council (Economic Development team) and other wider regional stakeholders. There is **no cost** to attend the event. Students are required to wear their full academy uniform whilst attending the event.

Visitor Information: **What Next** in North Notts aims to be the annual focus of careers activity and to shape the future of a new generation and potential talent pipeline for businesses. For 2022/23 we are running two events, the arrangements for Retford are as below.

- **Date:** Wednesday 29th March 2023
- **Venue:** Outwood Academy Portland, Netherton road, Worksop Notts, S80 2SF
- **Transport:** Coaches at the school for 8:45 am – departing as soon as loaded
- **Slot** at the event 9:10 am to 10:10 am
- Coaches will return to the school around 10:25 (at the beginning of break)

Please complete the reply slip and parental consent form (Pink) attached, in order for your son/daughter to participate in this event, and return to Student Services by **Friday 17th March 2023**.

A copy of the provisional plan can be found on our website, but please do not hesitate to contact the Centre if you have any questions.

If you would like to know more about our careers programme please visit our website www.valley.outwood.com. There is a button on the home page to signpost the termly careers programme and how we are meeting Gatsby Benchmarks. We also have information on the Careers Advice tab in the information section. If you would like any further guidance on this, you may contact me at the email address: p.sims@valley.outwood.com.

We are very much looking forward to hosting this event for our students.

Yours faithfully,



P Sims
Careers Lead
Outwood Academy Valley

REPLY SLIP – WHAT NEXT EVENT – WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH 2023

Please secure a place for my son/daughter _____ on the 'What Next' event full year group trip taking place on **Wednesday 29th March 2023**.

Signature: _____ Parent/Carer Date _____

 <p>Join us!</p>	<p>Due to the popularity of our school, we are recruiting for teaching and support staff.</p> <p>Visit our website for more details of how to join the Outwood Family - www.outwood.com/vacancies</p>	<p>Scan to view our</p>  <p>current vacancies.</p>
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