



Harrow Way Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our ongoing commitment to career development across the school and in conjunction with activities planned for Careers Month (09.02.25 - 06.03.25), I am pleased to announce that all of Year 9 will have the opportunity to meet with a local organisation (Lloyds Banking Group) in order to practise their interview skills. Members of their staff will support us in this event which will run on Thursday, 12th February. The exact time of your child's appointment will be shared with them via their tutor.

Students should be encouraged to prepare for these interviews at home by thinking about and rehearsing these typical interview questions:-

- Tell me a little about yourself.
- What motivates you?
- What do you consider to be your greatest strength (consider this in relation to a job or college)?
- Can you give an example of when you have worked in a team?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years (what are your aims and ambitions)?

Interviews will last approximately 10 mins and the interviewer will also provide feedback to each student. Students should try to arrive 5 minutes before their interview and staff will be available on the day to support them.

On the same day Year 9 will also have the opportunity to hear from a motivational speaker during assembly. Pete Thompson ran an incredible 44 marathons in 44 European countries in 44 consecutive days; a marathon within every country in Europe. A year later he took on one of the most famous endurance tests in the world, the Tour de France, running (not cycling) the entire 2069-mile route in just 68 days. These epic feats of endurance have raised over £50,000 for the 3 mental health charities he supports and he will speak to students about his experiences.

We hope that your child will enjoy these unique opportunities which will hopefully inspire them and enable them to gain experience to assist them in preparing for their post-16 choices.

Yours faithfully

Graeme Fluellen
Assistant Headteacher

