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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Start – Online Careers Platform

Careers education is a vital part of a student's journey throughout their time at school. It enables them to link their educational experiences into the broader context of the wider world. At various points, a student has to make critical decisions:

- Year 9 – Students choose their GCSE options subjects and begin to consider their eventual career areas.
- Year 11 – Students prepare for their final exams, whilst applying to colleges and sixth form centres to study A-Levels, BTECs, Apprenticeships or Foundation Courses.
- Year 13 – Students will decide whether they are going to university or if they will enter the world of work.

In order to support this crucial decision-making, the school uses an online platform called Start (www.startprofile.com). Whilst students are off school, it would benefit them to devote some time to their own future. The website has lots of information about the world of work and study, and students should spend time navigating to make the most of it.

Year 11

Please feel free to continue to use the website. If you need any help with your username or password, please email me.

Years 9 & 10

You have all had the opportunity to register for the website. If you have not, please follow the instructions provided. If you have forgotten your username and password, please email me and I will send it to you.

Years 7 & 8

We had planned for students to register for the website during the summer term. As this is now unlikely to happen, all students will need to register. Please see the separate instructions for how to do this. If there are any problems, please email me. I will follow this up with an assembly and all students will eventually be given the opportunity to use the website with their form tutors.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding careers education and provision, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at dshoker@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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