



15th December 2020

'Virtual Aspirations Event 2021'

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to invite you to our inaugural *'Virtual Aspirations Event'* which will run from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January 2021. In order to continue our support for students' future course choices and career aspirations during current CV-19 restrictions, this event is an alternative to the traditional face-to-face annual *'Aspirations Evening'* and *can be accessed via the link on the home page of the school's website*. We hope the online format offers an accessible and personalised format for both students and parents / carers - despite current CV-19 pandemic restrictions.

The *'Aspiration Event'* is designed to provide students and parents / carers with vital information to inform their preferred Post 16/18 pathway and the various opportunities that are available to them after Year 11. As well as being able to see what Post-16 courses are on offer at Rainford Sixth Form College, there is the opportunity to discover future course / occupational information courtesy of a range of Post-16/18 external partners, including:

- Further Education Providers
- Higher Education Providers
- Apprenticeship Information and Providers
- Employers

You will also be able to access information from a *range of useful careers advice and guidance organisations, such as our school partners Unifrog, Career Connect and a very informative parental guide to Apprenticeships*. You will also be able to view contemporary *Labour Market Information* that will help identify top employers, current trends in employer demand and job availability to inform future course choices and employment aspirations.

Arguably, there has never been a more important time for young people and their parents / carers to be as informed as possible with regards to their future aspirations. This is an important opportunity for all students (especially Years 9-13) to gather as much information as possible about their future pathways and career choices in order that they are able to make informed choices that will result in a happy, secure and successful future for all.

In the meantime, I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully,

G Makin

G Makin

Director of Personal Development & CEIAG