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Dear Parents

CAREERS PROFILING AND ADVICE

On Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th June, all Fourth Form pupils will undertake the Morrisby Careers Profiling process. A range of well-established psychometric tests to measure verbal reasoning, numerical ability, manual dexterity and perception will take place on the Thursday, with an interests questionnaire being taken on the Tuesday. Thursday's tests will run in place of morning lessons for three hours with a short mid-session break and Tuesday's questionnaire will be completed during the normal tutor period. The Morrisby Organisation put the results of the psychometric tests into the context of the interests highlighted through the questionnaire to generate a personalised careers guidance report. That report will be given to your son by Tuesday 27th June when his Form Tutor will guide him through the process of online report registration; that in turn will make available to him a great deal of bespoke and up-to-date careers, higher education, and A level guidance material.

Choice of career is, naturally, one of the most important decisions any young person will need to make. Although for most students at St Albans School the final decision is likely to be deferred until after the end of their time at School or university, it is nonetheless essential that your son should be thinking seriously about the general area in which his career may lie as this will enable him to make an appropriately informed choice of subjects for A level. When looking ahead to higher education employers are increasingly valuing appropriate work experience (which students will undertake in the Lower Sixth) so, the earlier your son is able to identify a number of possible career options, the better. Careers and higher education advice is available from his Tutor, the Heads of Sixth Form and myself. The School regularly holds Careers Information Evenings covering a number of broad career opportunities which you and your son are encouraged to attend.

We will be holding a Morrisby and Careers Forum on **Tuesday 13th June** starting at 19.00. Dr Christine Blackie, an independent Careers Counsellor with whom the School has worked for many years, will be there and I very much hope you are able to join us. We will look ahead to the Morrisby Profiling process in depth, examine how you as parents can support your son in making career-related choices, and examine the more intrinsic factors likely to be influencing your son's thinking at this time. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and I would expect the evening to conclude by 20.30. If you are intending to attend the Forum please complete the attendance form at [Attendance Form](#)

Yours sincerely

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