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Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you and your family are well and are all coping with the new way of working.

I know that most of the Year 11 pupils have already completed Post-16 applications having done a vast amount of research. I also know that as Parents/Carers, many of you are very concerned about how the current situation will impact on your child's Post-16 and Post-18 plans and choices.

I want to reassure you that I am still working with pupils through Microsoft Teams or email; I am here to support them. I am also very conscious that as Parents/Carers there will be questions relating to Careers that you don't always have the answers to and I want you to know that I am available for you as well.

I am attaching a copy of the updated open day list. Some sixth forms have already had their open days and others are still yet to take place. I have put website links for each sixth form and college on the sheet to help you.

I thought you might also find it useful to know how to find careers information on the school website. If you go to the school website, click on the following - pupils, careers and then related websites you will find two links that you might find useful.

Career Companion – Within this site you will find a vast amount of information. There are year group boxes that can be clicked, however, I also advise you to look in all areas of the website. By going into Career Companion this way you won't need any passwords

Eclips – This is a fantastic website to investigate individual careers. I recommend pupils look at the related leaflet section, as this might give them ideas of careers they have never previously considered. To access this website the password is GL7 1HS and needs to have the capital letters and the space between the 7 and 1.

If your child currently has no career ideas, they might find answering the question on <u>www.sacu-student.com</u> useful.

If your child is considering university in the future I would recommend visiting <u>www.ucas.com</u> Even if they aren't sure whether they want to go or not, it is important they understand the entry requirements.

Please email me any questions on phicks@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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