29th January 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Careers Event at The Edge Academy on 26th March 2018**

Many pupils are in Year 11 and they need to make an important choice as to their next step when they leave in the summer of 2018. However, it is never too early to start deciding and we will be giving all learners in years 8,9 and 10 the chance to visit this event throughout the day.

The Government has raised the age at which young people need to continue in education, training or work. It is about continuation of learning, which will enable more choices in studying at colleges, training or apprenticeships.

They must then do one of the following until they’re 18:

* stay in full-time education, for example at a college
* start an [apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide) or [traineeship](https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship)
* spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training

The Edge Academy will be hosting a careers event on Monday 26th March 2018 between 11am – 2pm. Representatives from colleges, training providers and apprenticeships have been invited to raise pupil awareness of the options open to them when they leave Year 11.

If you would like to accompany your child to the careers event, this can be accommodated.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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