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Dear Parents/Carers

### **National Careers Week 2021 Review**

Thanks to all our students, parents and staff for participating in National Careers Week. Please see below for a few highlights.

### **Alumnae Success stories and Careers Videos**

Feedback from students included comments on the wide range of jobs available, including opportunities not heard of before. Students particularly enjoyed hearing about what past SGGs students have gone on to do, how they prepared for their careers, what qualifications they needed, and how they reached their goals.

### **Careers and the Curriculum**

As well as hearing from alumnae, university students, apprentices, employers and employees, students have also been learning about links to careers through their subjects. In particular, the Biology department launched the 'Step into the NHS' competition, which saw students from Year 8 to Year 12 finding out more about the breadth of careers on offer in the NHS, and using personality quizzes to match themselves with potential roles, before designing their own job descriptions. Talk to your daughter about what she got involved in last week, what she learnt from it and what her career plans are.

### **House quiz**

Thanks go to our House Captains who themed last week's House quiz around the past careers of famous personalities and of our own SGGs staff. Debates over which of our teachers have previously served royalty, worked as a milkman, and worked in fashion design were reportedly intense!

### **Virtual Careers Fairs**

The virtual careers fairs have been visited by students and parents/carers from all Key Stages and are still available to access. The **Coventry & Warwickshire Virtual Career Show** is open for the rest of this month for students and parents/carers to meet a breadth of progression pathway providers (universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers), employers and key stakeholders. Please click [here](#) to visit. The **NCW Virtual Careers Fair** is also still available [here](#).

### **Resource for Parents/Carers**

Following on from National Careers Week, you may find the following resource useful: [Paths to Careers – a Parent's Guide](#) is designed for parents/carers of 15- to 18-year-old school and college students, and offers

advice on supporting young people with their career choices, on making decisions about university, and on employer programmes such as higher and degree apprenticeships.

### **SGGS Careers**

A reminder that links to the SGGS Careers Policy and details of our careers programme can be accessed through the SGGS website, while updates about careers events are shared with students through Teams and with parents/carers via the school app. Questions, feedback and suggestions about careers can be forwarded to our Careers and Work Experience Coordinator at [pearson.jo@sggs.org.uk](mailto:pearson.jo@sggs.org.uk)

Kind regards

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Jon Blackwall  
**Deputy Head and Careers Lead**

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**Careers and Work Experience Coordinator**