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Dear Parents and Carers,

Careers Support for Year 11

Year 11 is a crucial time for our students as they prepare for final exams and make important decisions about their future. During this year, they will begin applying for their next steps in education or training.

As you may know, young people in England must continue in some form of education or training until age 18. Students may choose to:

- Advance to Year 12 at our academy's sixth form.
- Attend a further education college.
- Enrol in another sixth form.
- Pursue an apprenticeship or employment with training.

How Can I Support My Child?

- **Help You Choose:** This resource, available at www.helpyouchoose.org, provides comprehensive information on courses across Norfolk, including sixth forms, colleges, and apprenticeships. Students are encouraged to explore their options and complete their applications here.
- **Open Evenings:** We encourage students to attend various sixth form and college open evenings to explore their options. A list of events is available on the Help You Choose website under 'events'. Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday, 10th October 2024, from 5-7 pm.
- **Research:** Encourage your child to review prospectuses and provider websites for more information on their options.
- **Applications and Interviews:** Ensure your child completes their applications and attends any required interviews.
- **Academic Goals:** Motivate your child to work towards their GCSE target grades, which are crucial for meeting the entry requirements of their chosen pathways.

Additional Support

- **One-to-One Careers Meetings:** We offer personalised career meetings at school to guide students in making informed decisions.
- **VIP Team:** Our VIP Team and Sixth Form Team are available to assist with college applications and navigating the Help You Choose website.

We are here to support all our Year 11 students as they make these important decisions. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us – careersguidance@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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