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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write and let you know what your child has been learning about in their current PSRE careers lessons so that you are able to have meaningful follow-up conversations with them at home.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been looking at our dreams and thinking about having high aspirations, so students have developed their own dream clouds. They were then given a 'job' that they have had to work with for a couple of lessons. In these lessons we have explored how sometimes the number of hours worked does not equal the amount of pay received or the number of days holiday. We also explored briefly some of the different qualifications required for these jobs.

We then went on to look at living in the real world, and trying to make their dreams work with their salaries. Most of the students found that they were in some serious debt, so we explored what this was and the possible consequences. They then had to amend their dream clouds to ensure their budgets balanced. In these lessons we learned about gross and net income, expenditure, deductions, income tax, rent and mortgages etc. In our forthcoming lessons, we will be looking at gender stereotyping and also learning how to use Eclips to explore different occupational areas. If you would like to look at Eclips, click this [link](#) and use the password SN14 6HJ. During one of our lessons, we have also had a visit from Miss Witchell, our careers advisor, who was introducing herself to the students and reminding them that they can self-refer to see her regarding anything careers related and to also receive some independent careers advice and guidance. If you would like to make contact with Miss Witchell, her email address is kwitchell@sheldonschool.co.uk.

In addition to the work covered in lessons, I would like to draw your attention to our [webpage](#) which has links to our weekly careers newsletter which gives information about Labour Market Information (LMI), Job of the Week, Jobs in the Spotlight and other opportunities available to young people. There is also some additional information for parents and young people. This is currently being updated, so keep an eye on the page as it will have new content coming shortly! Thinking ahead, this [link](#) will also take you to our sixth form weekly notes pages where you will also find some careers information.

If I can be of any further assistance, or you would like to offer any help or suggestions to our careers programme, please feel free to email me at swilson@sheldonschool.co.uk. Thank you for your support with our careers programme.

Yours faithfully,

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