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Dear Parent/Guardian,

17th October 2022

On Thursday 1st December, we will be hosting our annual careers fair from 7-9pm for our senior cycle students. The fair is a big event in the school's calendar. The event is part of our whole school guidance initiative to support our students in career decision making, and making informed choices for subject choice at senior cycle, and for third level.

How can you help?

In order to make the night as successful as possible, we wish to invite as many professionals as possible across the career spectrum. This is where you can help. We would like to invite parents, guardians, grandparents, older siblings and past pupils to participate in the evening.

What is involved?

Each career professional will be allocated a classroom, along with other professionals in a similar field. Senior students will visit the different classrooms and speak with career professionals. Third Level and Further Education Colleges, will also be attending, and will be exhibiting in the assembly hall. During their guidance classes, the students will undertake some preparatory work, to ensure they are fully prepared and are confident to initiate conversations.

The theme for the evening is **Pathways: Opportunities and skills**. Our hope for the evening is that our students will gain a better understanding of the day-to-day activities involved in your work. The more information they have, the better position they will be in when it comes to decision time regarding subject choice for their Leaving Cert and course choices at Third Level.

We are particularly interested in highlighting that this generation will have a number of careers in their lifetime, and so, if you have had more than one occupation, this would be wonderful to highlight with them. If you are a mature student, or changed career direction, these conversations will be most helpful for our students. **I wish to emphasise that there is no expectation for you to create any presentations, or deliver talks, but should you wish to bring any equipment associated with your profession, it would be a welcome addition.**

Our student ambassadors will be on hand to assist you throughout the evening, and will meet you upon arrival. Light refreshments will be served in the staffroom from 6pm, and it will be a nice opportunity to chat with other professionals before the event.

Should you be interested in participating, please email bcoggins@portmarnockcommunityschool.ie, to register your expression of interest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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