Thriftwood
School and College
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Students leaving Thriftwood College this academic year

As learners begin to consider their next steps beyond Thriftwood College, we would like to remind you of the support available.

Liane Lindo, our Student Development and Transitions Lead, regularly meets with all Year 13 learners, as well as any other students who may be considering leaving at the end of the academic year, to help them plan and prepare for their future pathways. She can also provide support with further education advice and applications where required.

To help learners explore their options, we arrange a number of transition visits throughout the year to a range of local providers, including:

- Chelmsford College
- Colchester Institute (Braintree Campus)
- Adult Community Learning Centre
- Writtle College

Learners also have opportunities to attend careers fairs such as the Anglia Ruskin University fair, take part in our College Careers Day and visit external day provisions such as The Independence Project and Zinc Arts.

Throughout the year, we welcome a variety of external visitors to college who speak with learners about different career pathways and employment opportunities. Previous visitors have represented sectors including:

- Public services
- Financial services
- Retail and hospitality
- The Police Service
- The Prison Service
- Further education providers
- Former students who share their own experiences and journeys

Within our "Moving On" curriculum, learners develop essential skills to support their future aspirations with Jools Butcher, our Careers Lead. Topics include:

- CV preparation
- College prospectus and application research
- Job search and application skills
- Interview preparation
- Mock interviews delivered in partnership with the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions)
- This list is not exhaustive and is adapted based upon the profile of the group

Support is also available during your annual EHCP Review Meeting, which will take place in November, should families wish to discuss post-college options in more detail. Please let us know if you would like Liane to attend your meeting.

In addition, parents and carers are welcome to arrange a one-to-one meeting with Liane Lindo for support with applications, advice on further education opportunities, employment pathways, or guidance on the options available after Thriftwood College.

If you would like to discuss your young person's future plans or arrange a meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With thanks and kind regards,

L. Walker

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