



25th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

CAREERS WEEK – 1ST-5TH MARCH 2021

I am pleased to inform you that as part of National Careers Week next week (1st March –5th March), Cardinal Pole Catholic School has teamed up with Barclays to offer a 'Barclays Life Skills Programme' for each year group.

'Barclays Life Skills' is an employability programme that supports people throughout the UK to develop the confidence, skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the workplace. Each year group will receive a one-hour session presented by an external co-ordinator during the week via Microsoft Teams. Employees from Barclays and Barclaycard have also volunteered to offer their insight into working for one of the biggest financial institutions in the world.

Years 7, 8 and 9 will attend the '*Recognising and Building Personal Skills*' workshop. This lesson is designed to help students understand which skills are most sought after by employers and how they may need to adapt these in different situations. In turn, this will enable them to go on and develop other areas of their skillset, such as teamwork and communication.

Years 10 and 11 will attend the 'Exploring Personal Strengths for Employment' workshop - The activities in this lesson involve a combination of personal reflection and working as a group to identify strengths while relating these to aspirations.

Your child is expected to attend these as part of their Virtual Learning timetable and links to the Teams workshop will be provided to the student in advance. The workshops will take place at the following times:

Year 7: Tuesday 2nd March – 10:00am – 11:00am

Year 8: Tuesday 2nd March – 11:30am – 12:30 pm

Year 9: Wednesday 3rd March – 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Year 10: Thursday 4th March – 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Year 11: Thursday 4th March – 11am –12:00pm

Yours sincerely

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