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Dear Parent/Carer,

Y12 Careers – Networking Event

After our second successful year, we are pleased to announce the third Networking Event for Year 12 students here at Wath Academy Sixth Form. There will be over 25 locally and nationally based companies in attendance to support our students.

The event will take place in the main hall on **Thursday 10 December**, 09:45 (P2) until 12:30 (end of P3). Students and guests will be supplied with refreshments during the event during a mid-session break.

Why Networking Matters for Young People

We believe that networking is an incredibly important tool to help shape your son/daughter's future. Below are some of the benefits of the event:

- **Builds confidence and communication skills** — Meeting professionals in different fields helps students develop their confidence, practise speaking, and ask meaningful questions.
- **Increases awareness of career pathways** — Students gain insight into roles, industries, and qualifications they may not have previously considered.
- **Provides access to real-world advice** — Professionals can share their own experiences, offer guidance, and answer questions about routes into their careers.
- **Creates potential future opportunities** — Networking can lead to work experience placements, mentoring, part-time work, or future job opportunities – we have had former students successfully be placed in apprenticeships and work-experience as a direct result of taking part in this event.
- **Helps students make informed decisions** — By speaking to a range of people, students can compare pathways and make better choices about university, apprenticeships, or employment.
- **Encourages motivation and goal-setting** — Hearing success stories and challenges from industry experts can inspire students to aim high and set clear goals.

It is expected that all Year 12 students attend and grasp this opportunity in order to support their future ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

M. Barlow

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