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Dear Lower Sixth and parents,

## Careers talk on Teams - Monday 29th June - required attendance for all Lower Sixth

I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to organise an inspirational speaker to lead a session focussed on careers with you on the afternoon of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. (14:00-15:00)

The speaker is Emma Rosen. She is an experienced TED speaker who specialises in outside-the-box career advice for Year 10 - 13 pupils. Three years ago, she launched a project to try 25 different careers in one year through work experience, before her 25th birthday. Her project aims to inspire young people to get more work experience, to learn by doing and be more proactive about their career education, something which could not be more relevant than during the current crisis.

Her talks use the entertaining anecdotes from her many placements as a way to give practical advice on how young people can figure out what they want to do. She also covers topics like how to get work experience placements, the concept of portfolio careers and the future of work.

Her placements ranged from archaeology in Transylvania, tour guiding in Venezuela and investigative journalism with The Telegraph, to an extra in a major movie, alpaca farming in Cornwall and assisting the British Council's crisis team during the terror attack on Parliament.

Since completing the '25before25' project, she has spoken to over 15,000 pupils and students at schools, colleges and universities across the UK, as well as giving a TED talk on 'How to find your passion and make it your job', and published a book called 'The Radical Sabbatical'.

There has been substantial press coverage of her project, including on BBC Breakfast and in the Telegraph. Testimonials about her talks are incredibly positive, with comments including:

- Emma's talk is engaging, professional and directly responds to the challenges of 21st-century employment facing many young people.
- Emma's talk did exactly what I hoped it would, which was to make our Lower Sixth think more laterally about their career journey and lift their heads up from the sense of an almost preordained path and be curious about what they could do, and have the courage to explore it.
- Her '25before25' journey is inspirational and Emma's account of her experiences was captivating. Emma made our students think about such crucial aspects of their future lives, and her advice was invaluable.

The session will run on Teams and the whole year group is expected to attend. She will speak for about 45 minutes and then open up the session to questions. You will get an invitation to this Teams session soon. Please accept it so that is confirmed in your calendar. All teachers have been informed so there should be no clashes with lessons.

I really think that this will be a useful and engaging opportunity for you, and I hope you all enjoy it.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Haigh  
Head of Sixth Form