



# The Thomas Hardy School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Just to let you know that this Wednesday and Thursday morning Year 12 have their third futures day.

The programme is as follows

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Time	Event	
9.15 am	Keynote Speech	Giles Henschel – co-founder and managing director of Olives et al
10.20 am	Workshop 1	Choice from 26 different workshops
11.40 am	Workshop 2	Choice from 26 different workshops
Lunch		
1.25 pm	Mock interviews	External guests
2.30 pm	Mock interviews	External guests

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Time	Event	
9.15 am	Mock interviews	External guests
10.20 am	Mock interviews	External guests
11.40 am	Mock interviews	External guests

The aim of this futures day is to learn about various routes into employment and to realise the importance of the softer skills in the work place. Students will also discover that resilience, communication, taking risks and initiatives and working with others can be as important as good grades. Please note that this does not supplement work experience and we cannot cater for every type of job. Having said that we do put much effort into trying to recruit people from across the employment spectrum. If you know anyone who would be willing to come into school and talk about their job and route into employment please do pass their details on to us.

In the afternoon and following morning, each Year 12 student will have a mock interview with one of our guests. This will be a generic discussion focussing on the strengths, achievements and aspirations of each student, as opposed to a very subject specific interview. In the past the students have found this a very beneficial experience and have found the feedback very helpful.

Once again, attendance is compulsory as we believe this is an important part of our students' sixth form education.

Please note for your information Year 12 students will finish school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, not as stated on the school calendar. Full attendance up until this date is expected.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the above.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Year 12

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