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King Charles I Alumni

Dear friend of King Charles,

As you know, we are fully committed to raising the aspirations and supporting the futures of all our students. Following a letter sent out in October, many of you volunteered your time and the wisdom of your experience to come in and support us in this aim through assemblies, small group mentoring, 121 guidance and our mock interviews and the response from students has been incredibly positive. As such, we are writing again to you as a former member of the school to ask whether you would be interested and willing to be part of this process.

The aim is to enthuse and inform our students from an early age about the importance of planning for their future and thinking more broadly about possible career routes. Students need to be fully aware of what is possible if they work hard, have a clear goal and persevere when things are challenging. If this is to be successful, our students need to have exposure at a young age to a variety of potential careers and what is required to get there.

We encourage all our students, irrespective of their background, to aspire to go to university or enter into a high quality alternative. We wish to broaden student horizons and capture their interest by calling upon a range of alumni, local and national employers and university speakers.

The opportunity to be involved is incredibly broad and flexible as I have a range of plans. These could include aspirational and informative assemblies; career profiles; student mentoring programmes; reward assemblies; apprenticeship advice and guidance; small group sessions; the importance of English and maths; and being prepared for the changing needs of employers. We can tailor the support you give based on time commitments, confidence and area of expertise and really are grateful for any help you can give. A simple conversation about your career route and experiences with just one student really can make a positive difference to that student's aspirations.

Thank you to those of you who have already supported us in our drive to raise the aspirations of students. If you feel that you would be interested in being involved I would really appreciate it if you could contact me by e-mail (rallen@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk) or alternatively contact the school on 01562 512880.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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