



# Colston's Girls' School

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to have recently been appointed as Head of Careers at Colston's Girls' School. This is an exciting role which involves inspiring our students to explore possible academic and career pathways for their futures so that they are equipped to make the right choices for them.

I am seeking to make partnerships with a range of work places, companies and individuals with whom to collaborate in this role and I am turning to the parent community to seek help in this.

Involvement with real work places has been shown to increase the aspirations and motivation of young people; hence our forthcoming work place visits for year 9.

Examples of the ways you could help us are:

- allowing us to visit with small groups of year 9 students for short visits in May and June;
- being added to our list of contacts for an assembly visit;
- providing us with information about apprenticeships and work experience opportunities;
- being available for consultation.

For work place visits we would be happy to arrange a conference room if it were not possible to come to your place of work.

Companies we have collaborated with in the past include; Womble Bond Dickinson (lawyers), Simpleweb (Tech Start-Up), the St Monica Trust (retirement and care homes) and Bristol Crown Courts, to name but a few.

## **Supporting Your Child**

I would like to also draw your attention to a website that we will be introducing all of our students to in terms 5 and 6. Career Pilot is a user-friendly website which is tailored to the Southwest and provides an outstanding personalised service to students, allowing them to research career sectors and record their skills, interests, qualifications and experiences to help with future choices and applications. It can be found at [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk).

Please contact me if you would like to collaborate, or require further information about careers within school.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Careers