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3rd October 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite you and your son/daughter to the Thornhill School Careers Convention which will be held on Wednesday 15th October 2104 from 2.30pm until 5.00 pm. in the School Hall. This will coincide with our Year 11 Parents Evening.

The aim of the Careers Convention is to give pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 and their parents the opportunity to talk to representatives from various training providers, local employers and the Armed Forces, colleges, universities and the Connexions Service about their future intentions. This should prove very helpful in finding out and gathering information on GCSE subjects and the grades required for post 16 education and training, career opportunities and apprenticeships.

Year 8 pupils and parents may find it particularly useful as a source of advice in assisting pupils with their Pathways choices later this year. Year 9 and 10 pupils may like to use the event to gather information about the opportunities that will be available to them when they leave Thornhill. Year 11 pupils will have been given the opportunity to visit the Convention during the school day and parents may find that it is beneficial for them to ask questions that they may have about post 16 options.

The Connexions Service (Sunderland) will be present to give advice and information concerning those areas of employment and training which are not represented at the Convention.

Staff from various Colleges and Universities will be present to answer any questions about Further Education and Higher Education. Unfortunately Sunderland College will only be available until 3.00pm as they have their own Open Evening at Bede College beginning at 4.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will find the evening both informative and interesting. A full list of organisations attending the Convention will be available during the evening.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. G. Crane
Information, Advice & Guidance Co-Ordinator