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Dear Parent/Guardian

Maiden Erlegh Trust – U-Explore – Virtual Parents Information Evening

I am writing to share invaluable information regarding our Trust careers software platform and how you can use it to best support your child at home to navigate the world of work, explore and develop employability skills and to help young people to prepare for their next steps.

U-Explore is an EdTech company specialising in careers guidance for young people in schools. It is a free and comprehensive digital platform which provides students with the ability to take control of their future destinations through up-to-date and detailed careers guidance. Due to current restrictions we have decided to provide this information virtually this year.

This software package is a fantastic opportunity to explore the many different options available to young people, including:

- Up-to-date information from a variety of trusted sources.
- Careers guidance for students in Years 7 to 13.
- Support and guidance through key moments of choice and transition from education to employment.
- Comprehensive information on careers and employability skills.
- Local labour market information.
- Support with writing job applications and CVs, visiting assessment centres and the recruitment process.

U-Explore have kindly put together two videos which can be viewed using the links below:

- [How to use U-Explore](#)
- How to Support Your Child at Home

Students will need to set up their own personalised profiles, including interests, work preferences and skills. The software will then provide specific job ideas including information on entry routes, information about different careers and earning potentials. This will enable students to make decisions about jobs and professions that suit their individual personality and skills. Students will also be able to think through areas they may need to improve upon, the courses and subjects that they may need to take, support with decisions regarding college, university and apprenticeship routes and finding out who is recruiting locally in their professions of interest.

During tutor sessions your child has already been provided, or is in the process of being provided, with information about how to log in to the software and set up their profile. Each year group will be working through the different careers modules which are relevant to their specific learning journey. I have included a summary of the different modules overleaf. The website can be accessed via: <https://login.startprofile.com/Login.aspx>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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U-Explore Careers Modules:

Year 7

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Getting Started

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Understanding Employability Skills

Year 8

Module: Making My Choices

Name: Choosing GCSE Options

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Exploring Pathways

Year 9

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Opening Your Eyes

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Employer Spotlights

Year 10

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Exploring Industries

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Investigating Industries

Year 11

Module: Making My Choices

Name: Making Post-16 Choices

Year 12 (due to previous disruption caused by Covid-19, students will be covering more of the modules)

Module: Making My Choices

Name: Making Post 18 Choices

Module: Improving My Employability

Name: Using Start's Employability Tools

Module: Exploring My Future

Name: Life as an apprentice

Year 13 (due to previous disruption caused by Covid-19, students will be covering more of the modules)

Module: Making My Choices:

Name: University

Module: Making My Choice