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Careers Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers/Staff and Pupils,

We are delighted to share the exciting news that through our collaboration with the Careers and Enterprise company and the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership, we have been successful in securing a bid for the funding for a year long programme with the Skills Builder organisation.

Skills Builder is a framework that has been developed alongside educators and employers which aims to identify, develop and celebrate the eight nationally recognised essential life skills in each pupil. The skills are:



At Emmanuel Middle, we already recognise the importance of these character-building skills in our curriculum through our core values of Excellence, Endeavour and Enjoyment and so we were delighted when we heard that we had been successful in our bid - especially as there were only two schools in Dorset to be awarded.

Our funding gives us access to a wide range of resources, as well as expert advice and staff training to help us to establish the Skills Builder approach as a key part of our careers programme for all year groups.

In addition to the core programme, we have also secured an additional grant from Dorset LEP which will allow us to deliver three fantastic whole-school challenge days. The first one will take place on Wednesday 9th December. During this exciting day- OPERATION MOONBASE, pupils will develop



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their essential skills through a number of practical sessions where they plan and command a mission to establish a colony on the moon! Each class will work with their tutor for the challenge day and we are asking that each pupil will wear their house-coloured T shirt, so that candle credits awarded for the use of the life skills will count towards a house competition across the school.

It is never too early to think about what you want to do or be when you leave school and we would encourage you to talk about your own qualifications, jobs and career paths with your children. At Emmanuel Middle School everything we do for our young people is rooted in our core values of Excellence, Endeavour and Enjoyment – our 3 Es. This includes not only preparing pupils for their next steps, but also encouraging them to look further forward to what they might want to achieve in their future education and subsequent careers. As well as explicit lessons, we will be taking opportunities throughout our daily school life in sharing job descriptions and career paths of our visitors, as well as our staff.

Thank you to parents who previously contacted the school about sharing their career paths. We welcome any new offers and will be organising a way to present videos virtually to our pupils if you are interested.

Mrs Robertson
Head of Wellbeing, Careers and Year 7