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9 October 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I wanted to write to you with information on a few things that are available for students over the next couple of weeks.

On World Mental Health Day, 10 October, the World Health Organization will, for the first time ever, host a global online advocacy event on mental health. At this event—the Big Event for Mental Health—world leaders, mental health experts and celebrity guests will join WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, to tell the world what we can all do to improve our mental health and how we can help make sure that quality mental health care is available to everyone who needs it.

During the event, which will be streamed live on major social media channels, you will:

- learn how WHO, together with our partners, is helping improve the mental health of people in countries throughout the world;
- hear from national and international leaders about why they are making mental health a priority;
- hear first-hand why internationally-renowned artists have become mental health advocates and listen to their advice for those who are struggling; and
- listen to critically-acclaimed musicians perform some of their most popular music.

In the lead-up to World Mental Health Day and the Big Event, they invite you to join the campaign, sharing messages, creating posts showing how you invest in your own mental health, and asking your questions of special guests through live Q and A sessions on social media.

A link to the event is here should you wish to participate.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2020/10/10/default-calendar/the-big-event-for-mental-health>

At the start to the year I made a commitment that we should be a healthy school and Mr Burton has been starting this with form time activities and information on our social media sites. This will continue with an emphasis next week on mental health. Please look at what is on offer.

Y11 careers appointments are continuing throughout next week via Teams. Miss Senior and Miss King will be in touch with students to book appointments. If they have not already been.

On Wednesday the 14 October Y11 and Post 16 students have been invited to participate in the UK University and Apprenticeship Service interactive UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair for the East of England, East Midlands and Yorkshire.

The event will feature universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers from across the UK, as well as allowing students to explore their regional and local post-18 options. This new Virtual Fair will feature a wide range of exhibiting universities including Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions, as well as colleges and apprenticeship providers. This incredible event will enable students to visit exhibition stands and chat to representatives, view information and videos, download prospectuses and take part in live webinars in the virtual auditorium.

The event is completely free of charge to students, parents and teachers. We know the cancellation of careers fairs this term, and the lack of Open Days over the summer has made choosing your next steps more difficult. Whether you're in Year 13, 12 or 11, this fair is designed to provide you with everything you need to make the right decisions.

Students will need to register for the event before the 14th October by following the link below, it runs from 12-7pm and we would encourage you to take this opportunity.

<https://ukunisearch-east.vfairs.com/>

We had a successful first virtual recruitment event and now have new Y9 and Y12 prospectus that can be found on the website. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining us next year please signpost them to this.

Follow us on social media and the website for further updates and information.

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Any questions or further information required please do not hesitate to contact adminolp@utcsheffield.org.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stevenson".

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