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Principal Mrs G F Gorman

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to inform you about a project, Future U, which the school is participating in, along with the University of Central Lancashire. Future U is a two-year national collaborative outreach programme funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), aiming to support young people in Lancashire get into jobs/career opportunities and higher education. You can see more about Future U on the website: <http://www.lancashirefutureu.org.uk>

As part of our varied curriculum, students will be participating in selected work related projects during some of their lessons during the coming academic year. These will be led by University staff but supported by school staff who will be present throughout. Students' views on Higher Education, work related learning themes, labour market information and the projects themselves will be gathered as part of the research being undertaken by the University. For some students this may include audio or video evaluations in groups; this would be monitored by school staff.

Students may be tracked by their name, age, gender, year of study in school and demographic data such as ethnicity and school ward. Parents and carers should be aware that if they do not wish their child's data to be recorded, then it will not be recorded; if this is the case please let me know.

The University does not sell or rent any personal information supplied by your son/daughter to any third party. However, some of the study data will be shared with highly regarded research companies (including CEF Research, The Behavioural Insights Team) contracted by the HEFCE, and with registered mentoring companies contracted by the Future U. Confidentiality and anonymity of captured data will be processed in accordance with the University of Central Lancashire Research Ethics and Governance. If you have any questions about this project, please contact me in school or email the OfficerforEthics@uclan.ac.uk.

There is also an opportunity for parents to get involved in the project and develop some of the programmes to address local needs as well as create opportunities with links to education and enterprise. If you have any questions about the project please contact Future U Project Lead, Rebecca Steel on 01772 894111 or e-mail: RSteel@uclan.ac.uk

I hope you are able to support the programme and I look forward to keeping you informed of the activities which your son/daughter is participating in.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Tucker
Senior Assistant Vice Principal



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