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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to your termly Personal Development Learning (PDL) letter. Each term you will receive information about what your child(ren) will be learning about in the PDL sessions.

This term Year 8, in PDL lessons will be looking at:

- Careers and the working world
- Options
- Understanding the workplace
- Jobs and opportunities
- Business structures
- What is county lines? Who is at risk?
- Substance misuse including vaping
- Child exploitation and online protection (CEOP)

The PDL learning journeys for the academic year are also available to view on the [school website](#).

Please be assured that during our PDL sessions the topics are covered with an age-appropriate approach and that we have ground rules embedded as part of the session to ensure that it is seen as a safe space to ask questions, whilst ensuring the safeguarding of all.

You may find the following link(s) helpful if you wish to discuss these topic areas with your child(ren).

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/drug-trafficking/county-lines>

Yours sincerely

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