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Dear Parents,

The Young Reporter Scheme, working in partnership with Newsquest Media Group, run an exciting extra-curricular opportunity for students in years 10 to 13, allowing them to experience what it is like to work for a real live newspaper. It is a fantastic experience for them to put on their CVs and it can be run alongside Duke of Edinburgh (bronze and silver).

Newsquest is one of the largest news organisations in the UK and have a portfolio of more than 120 news brands and 29 magazines, online and in print. With an online audience of almost 40 million users, our content is read by a substantial proportion of the UK population. This unique scheme is structured as if students are working directly for the paper, as they are given deadlines to work to, topics to write about and every article is published on Newsquest's range of online newspapers.

Throughout the scheme, students can apply to cover some exciting events, interviews, theatre reviews, large attractions and other opportunities. In addition to this they can compete to have their work published on the Student Comet, which is our own student newspaper.

Thousands of students have taken advantage of this opportunity over many years and some of the students who have done it in the past, are now actively working in the media. Others have gone onto work in different careers like law, teaching, marketing and many, many more. You can listen to a selection of our students on the Young Reporter Alumni section of our website.

All the students who we have spoken to and recorded on the Alumni page, said that this scheme helped them tremendously by honing their writing skills, building their confidence and showing them how to work within tight deadlines, which they will need at university and in their future careers.

Today universities want more than just good grades and it is important that students have a variety of skills to put onto their CVs and UCAS applications. We are recognised by many universities throughout the UK and abroad.

This year, we are very excited to run an apprenticeship programme alongside the scheme. This opportunity is open to students in Year 11 who are keen to get started in a media career. Students in year 11 can sign up and get involved in our fast-track scheme, which is running in tandem with the regular Young Reporter Scheme. For more information about this programme, please see our website – <https://www.youngreporter.co.uk/apprenticeship>

For direct viewpoints from previous Young Reporters, please watch our promotional video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQJVrvipWmY>

Kind regards

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