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Dear Parent/Carer,

Economic Literacy at Smestow Academy

We are excited to share that members of the Finchfield branch of the Nationwide Building Society will be in school on Monday 18th March to deliver finance workshops to each year group.

Financial education was made an explicit requirement in Citizenship during the last Department for Education review of the National Curriculum in 2014. Research shows that financial education means that children and young people are more likely to save money, have a bank account and be confident with money management. Financial education enhances financial wellbeing and prepare young people to understand and manage their incomes as adults.

This is statutory content, and as part of our personal development curriculum, it is imperative that we are delivering economic literacy to our pupils. As a school, we are encouraged to deliver the content to ensure it reflects real-world contexts. Whilst this currently exists within our form tutor programme, we are fortunate to have secured external speakers to raise further awareness of financial and economic education.

I have no doubt that our pupils will benefit greatly from this experience.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Chamberlain', written in a cursive style.

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