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Dear Parents & Carers

Finance Workshops at Smestow Academy

Here at Smestow Academy, our personal development offer is underpinned by our school vision of providing pupils with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to become curious, well-rounded and highly employable young people who make outstanding contributions to modern British society.

As part of our offer, we regularly ask our young people if there is anything else that they would benefit from. Pupil voice is key to our school continuing to make progress, and our pupils are always keen for more information around finance and economic literacy.

In response to this, pupils in Years 7-10 will take part in a focus day of finance workshops on **Thursday 22nd October**. These lessons will be delivered in place of their normal timetable and will cover the following areas:

- An introduction to taxes
- Government and taxes
- Advertising tricks
- Becoming a responsible citizen
- How to avoid financial scams
- Latest UK Census data

These workshops will complement our existing curriculum which is delivered by Form Tutors. Pupils in Years 11-13 will continue with timetabled lessons, but will complete this work during form time, following the mock exam period on our return from the half-term break.

Our high expectations of behaviour and uniform will apply on this important day which has been planned as a result of pupil voice in our school.

We would invite you to discuss what your child has learnt during personal development at Smestow Academy. You can find further information for parents and carers discussing economic literacy here:

Why Financial Literacy for Teens Matters: A UK Parent's Guide 2026
Money management for teens | Teaching teens about money | Barclays
Mastering Money Skills: Teaching Financial Literacy to Teenagers - The Parenting Pro

Thank you for your continued support with personal development at Smestow Academy.

Yours faithfully



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