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Dear Parent / Carer

I write with information about an exciting opportunity for school leavers from our partners at SHMU.

In January 2021 SHMU are offering an employability course with a difference! You can attend weekly online sessions with SHMU tutors; in these sessions tutors will support you to explore the options available to you on leaving school and to look at your own skills and how you can develop and add to them to ensure you are in the perfect position to take advantage of those options.

On this course you will use and develop skills through a variety of media activities, projects and challenges. These will be a mixture of group and individual projects linked to your own interests. You will learn different aspects of media in order to be able to complete these tasks; broadcast guidelines, how to plan and produce a radio show and/or podcast, how to film a short piece; planning and use of cameras and lighting, basic elements of scriptwriting and more. SHMU staff will support pupils to make the best use of the device you have at home to create engaging, exciting and great quality media content.

Throughout the term the team will take you through employability training, looking at your new found media skills and learning how to promote them as transferable skills relevant to any workplace. By the end of the course you will have completed a National 3 in Media and Personal Development Award (level 3).

This course will start delivery online, but our hope is that pupils will be able to come to SHMU studios once restrictions ease and you will then be able to use their state of the art radio and TV studios to put your new skills to the test.

SHMU also have a variety of post-school employability programmes that will be open to pupils on leaving school; this course will be an excellent introduction to Shmu and will mean a seamless transition into their post-school provision should that be the appropriate choice.

If you have any questions about their courses please don't hesitate to get in touch. Due to current restrictions SHMU staff are primarily working from home, so email is the best form of contact. Please contact SHMU's Employability Manager: Michelle.trail@shmu.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Watt
Head Teacher

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