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Business and Enterprise Apiary Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted to give advance warning of the launch of the REACH Apiary, an exciting new project that will become part of our NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise.

The apiary will provide students with the opportunity to develop real business and employability skills by running a genuine enterprise, following on from the success of "REACH Roast" coffee. Students will learn how to care for honey bees before exploring honey extraction, product development, branding, budgeting, marketing and social media promotion, giving them first-hand experience of taking a product from concept to customer.

Our purpose-built apiary is being kindly sponsored by Fastline Group and will be constructed over the summer. It will be located in the far corner of the rear car park within a secure enclosure with a locked gate and will only be accessed with a registered beekeeper. Students will wear full personal protective equipment (PPE) and will only take part in planned, supervised activities. Not all students will be expected to inspect the honey bees, but they will still play a role in the building the REACH Honey brand. We are also incredibly grateful to the Bees for Schools charity, who have generously provided our honey bees, hive and beekeeping suits, helping make this unique learning opportunity possible.

To ensure our medical records are up to date, please contact the school if your child has a known allergy to bee stings or has been prescribed medication for a bee sting, such as an adrenaline auto-injector (EpiPen).

We are excited to offer this innovative project and look forward to sharing our students' enterprise journey as they develop valuable business, employability and environmental skills.

If you have any further questions or I can help and support in any way, please feel free to contact me directly at: lauren.jacques@reachschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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