



ISCO CAREERS GUIDANCE SCHEME 2011

I am enclosing details of the ISCO Careers Guidance Scheme which we strongly recommend for each member of Upper Senior (Year 11) and all new entrants into College One (Year 12) who have not taken the tests at their previous school. We have been able to take out bulk membership of the Scheme which has the merits of making it both more comprehensive and cheaper.

As you will see from the enclosed brochure, registration for the ISCO Scheme not only entitles your son or daughter to take the Morrisby ability, personality and aptitude "tests" (the results of which we have found to be both a most useful working document within school for advising on post-GCSE choices and an excellent basis for far-reaching career discussions) but also to use the ISCO computer programmes and databases, attend ISCO careers experience courses, make use of the telephone information service and have consultative interviews with the ISCO careers counsellors until they leave Bootham. We have the highest regard for the ISCO publications, including "Careerscope" which is sent to the homes of individual members three times a year during the first year of membership.

The "Tests" for your son or daughter will take place from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 20th September 2011 and will be preceded by the interest questionnaire in class during the first week of term. Gillian Binns (Regional Director) of ISCO will explain the contents of the Morrisby report to your son or daughter on Tuesday, 11th October 2011 between 4.00 pm and 5.30 pm. We plan to have followed up each individual ISCO report in school by Upper Senior Parents' Evening in 2012 so you will be able to discuss the findings with your son's or daughter's teachers on that day.

The cost is £123.00 per head (this is the package the School recommends) and to ease the load we shall spread the cost over three terms, to be included with the disbursements on your son's/daughter's bills for January, April and August 2012. There is an option of a top-up payment of £85 to enable your son or daughter to be an ISCO member until the age of 23. Please note that if you wish to take up this option it has to be done at the outset – please let me know by email if you would like to take up this option or require further detail: burtonr@boothamschool.com

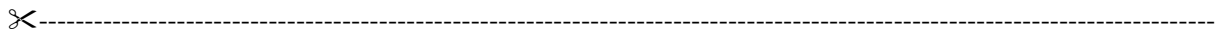
I would just say in closing that we feel that membership of ISCO is important in helping our students to make university decisions as members of ISCO are also interviewed throughout the sixth form. As a direct result of the government's policy on targeting the disaffected, York Careers Guidance Services, are no longer available to interview any member of Upper Senior. As a member of ISCO, there is unlimited advice and support until leaving school.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this scheme, you need do nothing, unless, of course, you wish to take up the top-up option.

If your son/daughter does wish to participate, please let me know by completing and returning the form below. If we do not receive a completed form before the end of August, we will assume that your son or daughter will not be participating.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Richard Burton
Head of Careers



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NAME OF STUDENT.....

The above named student wishes to be included in the ISCO scheme

Signed(Parent/Guardian) Date.....

PLEASE RETURN FORM MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF RICHARD BURTON