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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to draw your attention to a new digital platform – **globalbridge** – which Sandhill View Academy has engaged with to improve and enhance future opportunities for our students.

**globalbridge** is a new product that enables students to showcase their talents, skills and qualifications to prospective universities, training providers and employers, through an interactive, media rich, secure online profile. Not only can they upload their academic achievements, but they can complement these with a biography, career aspirations, photos, sound bites, electronic documents and even video footage such as sporting highlights, drama productions and musical performances. With **globalbridge** our students are able to now fully showcase their many skills, talents, achievements and aspirations!

Once a student’s **globalbridge** profile is live, which only happens following approval by a staff manager, they can use their profile to connect with potential universities, training providers and employers. The subscriber-only database also allows institutions and employers to identify users aged 16 and over who match their specific search criteria, ensuring that they connect their opportunities to the right people. In addition, students can include their unique **globalbridge** profile URL on application forms, allowing employers/universities the opportunity to gain a much more realistic and detailed picture of an applicant, something which will only serve to benefit our students!

Data security is of prime importance**.** All data is fully verified by the School before being allowed to become live and students cannot view each other’s profiles. The School has full visibility of all communication made from and to our students, and all contact is made via the safe and secure globalbridge platform and a student’s school email address. In addition, students can only search for educational establishments, universities and employer subscribers; they cannot search for other students.

Sandhill View Academy is currently working with **globalbridge**, allowing our students the opportunity to create profiles and be amongst the very first on what is already proving to be an exciting and desirable platform. The student profiles are free of charge and they will have access to the **globalbridge** system for life.

As a School we feel this is an exciting new provision and in the very best interests of our students. If you wish to find out more about **globalbridge**, and to read their terms and conditions, please visit [www.globalbridge.org.uk](http://www.globalbridge.org.uk) or contact me for further information.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H.M. Akien Careers Leader

Director of Careers and Community Relations