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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm writing to share an exciting idea we've been developing that aims to strengthen our ties with the local community and businesses, while creating meaningful vocational opportunities for our students.

Currently, we run a small vocational program on the Bersham Road site at Coleg Cambria with fewer than ten students, but we've seen firsthand the value it brings. Building on this success, we're exploring the possibility of establishing a dedicated vocational construction hub on-site—a simple, functional “block barn” style facility that would allow us to expand our offerings and reach more students.

Our vision is to create a space with bays, each focused on a different trade: bricklaying, joinery, plumbing, tiling decorating, and potentially others. These would support Level 2 qualifications delivered in-house, aligned with the 2027 curriculum and option choices. The structure itself would be modest—breeze block walls, open roof, and basic utilities—designed for practical use rather than aesthetics.

Crucially, we want this to be a community-driven initiative. We're looking to partner with local businesses to:

- **Sponsor and support the build and setup**
- **Collaborate on apprenticeship pathways**
- **Provide input and involvement from industry professionals**
- **Offer mentorship and real-world experience to students**



We're fortunate to have a strong local network, including many successful businesses and tradespeople who are former students. We believe this project could be a powerful way to give back, while also addressing skills gaps and preparing young people for meaningful careers.

If you're generally interested in this proposal, feel you may be able to offer support, or would like to be involved in the initial discussions, we'd love to hear from you. We're hoping to bring together a group of interested individuals and businesses to shape the next steps. If you think you might like to attend a future meeting or simply want to stay informed, please complete the short form linked below. Depending on the level of interest, we'll be in touch to arrange a follow-up.

<https://forms.office.com/e/lgsPgegR7X>

Regards,

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