Announcements the week before:

**Day 1**:

Hey (school name)!

You may have noticed visuals around the school relating to different career fields or you may have even been talking about careers in some of your classes! We have a very exciting school-wide career day coming up (date) and each day this week you will be hearing a bit more about it!

A career day is your chance to start exploring, thinking and talking about what your future might look like. It’s never too early to start thinking about your future. The choices you make now—like learning new things, discovering your strengths, and asking questions—can help open doors to amazing opportunities later on.

On (date), you’ll get to meet real professionals, explore career booths, and hear stories about what it’s really like to do different jobs. You’ll even get to think about how the subjects you're learning now—like math, writing, and science—connect to real-world careers.

Your future is full of exciting possibilities, and Career Day is the perfect place to start exploring them!

**Day 2 – Option 1**

During your career day, you will be doing lots of exploring and learning more about yourself. One of the activities you will be taking part in are **interest-based survey**s. This activity is designed to help you learn more about your own strengths, interests, and the kinds of careers that might be a good fit for you.

You might be wondering, *“Why are we doing this?”*
Well, the more you understand yourself, the easier it is to start planning for a future that’s exciting, meaningful, and right for you.

This survey won’t tell you exactly what you *have* to be—but it *will* give you some great ideas, open up possibilities you might not have considered, and help you connect what you love to do with real-world careers.

You might just discover a new path—or confirm something you’ve already been dreaming about.

**Day 2 – Option 2:**

During your career day, you will be doing lots of exploring and learning more about yourself. One of the activities you will be taking part in is creating a career pathway. A career pathway is like a roadmap for your future. It helps you think about what you enjoy, what you're good at, and what kind of job you might want someday. Even if you don’t know exactly what you want to be yet—that’s totally okay! Creating a pathway is about exploring your options and setting goals to help you get there.

Remember, the choices you make in middle school—like what subjects you pay attention to, what activities you try, and how hard you work—can open doors to awesome opportunities later on. Having a career pathway gives you direction, keeps you motivated, and helps you make decisions that bring you closer to the future you want.

Your pathway is YOURS to create, and it can lead somewhere amazing!

**Day 3:**

Get ready—**Career Day is coming up**, and it’s going to be an exciting chance to explore your future! On that day, our school will be filled with over 50 **real professionals** from all kinds of careers—doctors, engineers, artists, business owners, first responders, and more—who are here to share with you what they do and how they got there.

This is your chance to discover jobs you’ve never heard of, ask questions about what it’s really like, and get inspired by people who were once just like you—curious students figuring out their next steps.

So why is this important? Because the more you **listen**, the more you **learn**. And the more you **ask questions**, the more you understand what paths might be right for *you*. Every speaker you meet could open your eyes to something new—something you might love doing one day.

So bring your curiosity, ask great questions, and let yourself be inspired. Career Day is all about *you* and your future—and it might just be the first step on an amazing journey!

**Day 4:**

Tomorrow is—**Career Day!**

Here are a few things to keep in mind as you go through the day:

**Go in with an open mind.**
You might hear about a career you’ve never considered before—give it a chance! Every presenter has something valuable to share.

**Stay curious.**
Ask questions! How did they get started? What do they love about their job? What challenges did they face? The more you ask, the more you’ll learn.

**Be respectful and engaged.**
Give speakers your full attention, listen carefully, and show appreciation for their time.

**Think about what connects to YOU.**
What subjects or hobbies do you enjoy? Can you see yourself doing something similar someday?

**Debrief and reflect.**
After today, take time to think about what stood out. What inspired you? What surprised you? What new questions do you have about your future?

Remember: Career Day isn’t about choosing one career right now—it’s about **exploring possibilities** and realizing that your future is full of opportunities. Enjoy the day, learn something new, and most importantly, start dreaming big!