

Dear Parent/Carer

December 2018

### **Year 10 Work Experience 2019**

As you may be aware, your child is due to take part in our work experience programme in July next year. Given the increased demands and challenges of the new GCSE specifications, the school has made the difficult decision to offer a one week instead of a two week programme, with additional enrichment days over the five school years to support careers.

As a school we are committed to the wider opportunities and experiences that a work experience placement provides for our students and as such we are keen for them to develop a real sense of the world of work. However, we are also aware of the increasing pressures faced by young people and the expectations and demands of more challenging curricula. We believe it is important for us to give students the opportunity to catch up and consolidate their learning before they break for the summer the holiday. Hopefully this will ensure that the transition into Y11 is a smooth one and your child will be in a strong position to start this very important year.

As a result of this decision the Work Experience Programme next year will take place from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2019

In the case of Student Arranged Placements, where employers have already been contacted, students will need to contact them as soon as possible to inform them of the change in the length of placement. If the form for this has already been completed and handed into school, there is no need to complete a replacement.

Students have been told of these changes in assembly and they have been encouraged to speak to Mrs Monk our Careers and Examinations Manager if they have any questions linked to either work experience or careers.

Yours faithfully




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