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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 12 Work Experience

As you may be aware, all Year 12 students are required to complete a week of work experience, and this will be from 11 - 15 July.

The purpose of work experience is not only to help your child develop transferrable skills, for example confidence and communication which are crucial to the workplace, but to also help them to make relevant decisions regarding their future career path.

In 2020 Highfliers conducted a survey of the Graduate Market and this clearly illustrated the importance that employers place on work experience. From one hundred of the UK's best known and most successful employers, around 40% warned that graduates who have had no previous work experience at all have little chance of receiving a job offer for their graduate programmes. Employers increasingly expect job applicants to have relevant experience as well as good qualifications.

Please can you discuss with your child where they would like to go and if you have family members within a sector of interest please ask them if a work experience placement can be organised; if so, students will need to collect the relevant work placement agreement forms from myself. These forms will need to be completed by the student, parent and the employer and then returned back to me as soon as possible, and by 17 June at the latest.

If your child is unable to organise a work placement themselves, they will need to see me as soon as possible. Help and support is available; however, whilst every effort will be made to find students a placement in their chosen sector, it is not always possible - experience in any sector will help to develop the transferable skills that employers are looking for. This will be discussed with your child, and they will be given alternative choices. Please note that the hours of work will not necessarily be school hours as students will need to gain an insight into the working day.

Many thanks for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards

Jill Sadat-Shafai
Work Placement Co-ordinator