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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach an exciting half term for our Year 10 students, I would like to share some important information regarding the careers events and opportunities taking place.

Work Experience- 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June 2026

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support in helping students secure their Work Experience placements, which will take place from Monday 1 June to Wednesday 3 June. We are very grateful for the time and effort that has gone into arranging these valuable opportunities.

Work Experience is an important step in helping students develop confidence, independence, and employability skills. In preparation for their placements, I would encourage parents and carers to discuss with students the expectations of being in a professional workplace, including punctuality, communication, attitude, and conduct.

Please also ensure that students regularly check Unifrog for any information shared by employers regarding their placement, including details about attire, start and finish times, lunch arrangements and any other expectations specific to the workplace.

We are looking forward to seeing students make the most of this experience and represent both themselves and the school positively. If your child is not taking part in an in-person placement, they are expected to be in school on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd June.

Discovery Days

We are pleased to be offering five college visits for the full Year 10 cohort to take part in next half term. Our aim is to provide students with a broad range of post-16 opportunities so that they can make informed decisions when applying for post-16 opportunities next academic year. The visits are scheduled as follows:

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| • Monday 22 June 2026 | Hartlepool FE College |
| • Friday 26 June 2026 | Stockton Sixth Form College |
| • Monday 29 June 2026 | Middlesbrough College |
| • Tuesday 30 June 2026 | SRC Bede College |
| • Friday 3 July 2026 | Stockton Riverside College |

Lunch will be provided at all colleges. Students are welcome to bring a small amount of money should they wish to purchase snacks from vending machines, or they may bring their own snacks if preferred. Students will travel to each college by coach, with the exception of SRC Bede College, where students will walk from St Michael's. **Please ensure that you have granted permission for school visits in you Arbor Parent App. to allow your child to attend these opportunities.**



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1 to 1 Career Meetings

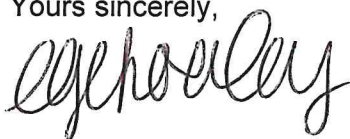
All Year 10 students will also receive a one-to-one careers meeting with Mr Rea, our Careers Advisor. These meetings will begin this term and continue into Year 11.

The purpose of these meetings is to support students in exploring their future pathways and making informed decisions about their post-16 options. Mr Rea will be a valuable source of guidance for both students and parents when considering the most suitable next steps, including college courses, sixth form pathways, apprenticeships and future career aspirations. We encourage students to make the most of these meetings by thinking carefully about their interests, strengths and future goals ahead of their appointment.

Thank you once again for your continued support in helping our students prepare for their futures. We are proud to be able to offer these opportunities and are confident they will help students feel more informed and prepared as they begin to consider their post-16 pathways.

If you have any questions regarding any of the career events outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E Gilhooley
Careers Lead



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