



22nd May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 10 Work Experience July 2020

Firstly, I hope that you and your families are well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and words of encouragement for both staff and pupils, and to thank you on behalf of all of our staff who are continuing to provide learning activities for your child during this time.

As you will be aware, the Year 10 Work Experience programme was due to take place in the penultimate week of the Summer term in July 2020. Many of you have already arranged either self-placements for your child, or have contacted the school to find a placement using our designated provider Mploy Solutions. However, due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding both a return to school and the easing of lockdown in the private sector, it is now extremely unlikely that the work experience programme could operate meaningfully in any sense in July. As such, it is with great reluctance that the school has decided to postpone the work experience programme at this time.

We are still keen for our students to have meaningful encounters with employers in their final academic year (2020-2021). Equally, though, it is absolutely essential that pupils are in school as much as possible in Year 11 in order to make up for the time missed since the school closed for most pupils on March 20th. As such, we are proposing that there will be several encounters for students with employers in school next year, which could include video calls with employers, careers fairs and speakers coming into school. If students are still keen to have a work experience placement then they are able to join next year's cohort in July 2021 after they have completed their GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully,

Dr S Guscott