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Dear Students/ Parents/Guardians

Year 10 Work Experience 2020

With the current situation of COVID-19 and the recent government announcements, we have regrettably had to make the decision to cancel work experience for this academic year.

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to every one of you for persevering with seeking out a work placement, as I know some of you had to face a rejection email (or two) along the way. For those who were successful in securing a placement, a huge well done to you!

What happens now?

For those who had secured a placement; you may want to contact your employer when COVID-19 settles and inquire about potentially completing some days with the company, either at: weekends (if employer is open), during a half term in Year 11, or the summer holidays of Year 11 (after exams - July/August).

Please note: We will be unable to authorise any work experience during term time in Year 11.

For those who hadn't secured a placement; once everything settles, you may want to continue to look for a work experience placement or volunteer with a company for a few days. Remember this will have to be either at weekends or either half terms/summer holidays of Year 11.

We are looking into the many different types of "Virtual" work experience that some national employers are putting on for young people over the next two months. Whilst we don't yet know exactly what this will look like for individual students, we hope this will go some way towards being able to have an experience with an employer this year. We will provide you with further details as soon as plans have been confirmed.

Key Notes:

There will be NO impact on students securing college/sixth form placements without a work experience placement - so please don't worry.

You may have the opportunity to do some further work experience during your college course, as part of a work placement, so please don't feel that the time you have spent looking for a place this year has been wasted. Keep hold of your letters so that you can adapt them again in the future.

If you have any further questions about work experience, please feel free to contact me.

Hope you are all well and keeping safe.

Yours sincerely

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