

28 April 2020

## Year 10 Work Experience

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with regret that we have had to take the decision to **cancel Year 10 work experience** which was due to take place in July. We understand that this decision will be disappointing for pupils, most of whom have worked so hard since September to find and secure their placements. We have taken this decision for a number of reasons due to the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in, and to alleviate employers at this time, where workplaces are under increasing pressure and disruption with the Covid-19 situation. Should schools re-open, we will inevitably need more curriculum time. With this and the well-being of pupils in mind, we feel that this is the only practical step. We will be contacting all employers to inform them of this decision, so there is no further action needed from you/your child.

As work experience is a key part of the curriculum and a hugely enriching experience that allows students to gain valuable insights into the world of work, we are considering alternatives:

There are **virtual opportunities** that students can benefit from over the course of **this term**:

- **Springpod's 'Learn Lounge'** – A series of live and interactive careers talks over the next few weeks, which student can tune into. A schedule can be found online. Please visit: <https://learn.springpod.co.uk/schedule>
- **Learn Live's 'Learning in Lockdown'** – A virtual work experience project taking place over five days (**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**). This is run in partnership with Scape Group Engineering & Construction, and will cover aspects from Engineering to Architecture to Project Management and Admin. This opportunity will be recognised and can be added to a CV. Please visit: <https://learnliveuk.com/learning-in-lockdown/>
- **Fledglink's 'Learn Now'** - Visit <https://fledglink.com/learn-now/> to find out more. Sessions taking place over the next few weeks include:
  - Skills builder: live and on-demand sessions focusing on different skills to improve per day.
  - 1:1 Career guidance: Sessions designed to provide students with the guidance they need.
  - Other sessions include building your brand, inspiring stories with special guests and 1:1 CV clinic drop-ins.

There is a possibility that work experience will take place during October half-term. More information will be provided nearer the time, but it is likely that where possible, we will be re-starting existing student-employer pairings since students have worked incredibly hard to set them up.

We thank you kindly for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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