

26th April 2021

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**. We understand that this decision will be disappointing for pupils, most of whom have worked so hard since September to find and secure a placement.

We have taken this decision for a number of reasons, including **our overwhelming priority to support students moving into Year 11**, a crucial year in their secondary school journey. This, coupled with pupils' difficulty in finding work placements at a time where workplaces are under pressure and disruption due to the Covid situation, has meant that we feel this is the best decision for pupils in Year 10.

What if my child has already secured a placement?

If your child has confirmed a placement with an employer, we appreciate how much time and effort has been put into securing this placement, and are happy to support them to continue to attend this **during the upcoming summer holidays, or October half-term of Year 11**. If this applies to your child, **please speak to either Miss Haddad, our careers coordinator, or Year 10's Directors of Learning, Ms Bates and Ms Barrow**.

'Careers Week'

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 working on alternatives to take place within school in the last week of the summer term.

Over the course that week, we will explore different careers through **live talks with professionals, and completing 'real' work activities**. We will also begin to introduce pupils to their post-16 options ready for Year 11, including hearing from **colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities**.

Virtual work experience

There are **virtual opportunities** that students can benefit from in their own time. These can be accessed through the following webpages:

- S4S NextGen: <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>
- Springpod: <https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>

We thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Bates & Ms Barrow

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