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Year 12 Virtual Work Experience 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

Further to our Futures Event Launch on Tuesday 16 March, we would like to offer you some more detailed information on our Work Experience Programme this year.

Work experience gives students the chance to explore new industries beyond theoretical knowledge, discover roles they never knew existed and gain further insight into what sort of working environment best suits them.

In the current climate, with many workforces now working remotely, it is most likely that work experience opportunities this year will have changed to virtual placements that students can complete online, from home. With this in mind, we have decided to alter the Work Experience Programme that we offer. Instead of offering just one dedicated week, we are encouraging all students to sign up to any virtual opportunities between now and the end of August. Hopefully, this flexibility will enable all students to find courses and experiences personally suited to them.

Virtual work experience shares many similarities with traditional, in-person opportunities but their online nature allows students to work with organisations across the country - and even the globe. It enables students to gain experience in specific industries, which can be invaluable in gaining knowledge about specific career pursuits. This can be particularly helpful for students who are unsure of their future destinations, but can also solidify future pathways for students with specific careers already in mind. Work experience can also be an ideal opportunity to develop students' soft skills.

As students start researching, they will notice that the opportunities vary in dates and duration. Although many of these opportunities are taking place during school holidays, we will be flexible in allowing students time away from their academic studies if they find an experience that takes place during the school day. Please speak to Miss Moore and Mrs Browne as early as you can if you need to have your planned work experience absence authorised.

While we always encourage students to find their own work experience placements, this year we have been collating different resources and opportunities to help students to find relevant and useful experiences. Please have a look through [this document](#) in

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order to find some opportunities, separated sector. We will be constantly updating this document as we get to hear of new opportunities. We would encourage all students to bookmark this document to ensure that they can access it easily, when needed.

On Thursday 25 March, during Extended Learning Day, students will have one session where they can start to research opportunities they may be interested in engaging with. We hope that this will kick start the work experience programme before the end of the spring term.

If you have any further questions about work experience, please do not hesitate to contact us on the email addresses shared below.

Yours faithfully,

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