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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Careers

As part of our Year 10 Careers Programme, students will complete a week of work experience beginning Monday 6th July. This is an important opportunity for students to develop confidence, independence and employability skills that will support them in their future pathways.

Many parents ask whether students must find a placement directly linked to the career they want in the future. While it is fantastic if a pupil can gain experience in an industry they are interested in, we understand this is not always possible. Workplaces have limited availability and some sectors have age restrictions. Any work placement is valuable; skills such as communication, teamwork, time-management, problem-solving and resilience are transferable and will support students in any future career. Parents and carers are encouraged to support students in securing a placement. Useful starting points include:

- Asking family, friends, or neighbours if their workplace accepts students.
- Contacting local businesses directly by phone or email.
- Thinking broadly, schools, shops, cafés, trades, offices, nurseries, charities and community organisations often welcome students.

If a business is unsure what is involved, reassure them that students are there to observe, help with simple tasks and learn about the workplace. Once a placement has been agreed, students must record it on Unifrog, our online work experience platform. To do this:

1. Students should log into their school email and reset their Unifrog password if needed.
2. Once logged in, scroll down the homepage to "Placements".
3. Select "Add Placement" and enter the details with your child.

This allows us to complete the necessary checks and ensure the placement is safe and suitable. Work experience helps students:

- Build confidence and independence
- Understand workplace expectations
- Develop communication and teamwork skills
- Explore possible career interests
- Strengthen future college, apprenticeship, or job applications

All placements must run during the week of 6th July. Students who do not secure a placement will attend school as normal and take part in an alternative programme. If you have any questions or need support with the process, please contact school and we will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Kerris Stirling



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