



Our Ref: AXS/GJW

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Dear Parent/ Carer

**Re: Year 10 Work Experience 2020**

In these uncertain and unprecedented circumstances, the school hopes that you and your families are safe and well. As you will appreciate, government guidance continues to be released to schools at a rapid rate and we have therefore been following updates closely in order to consider all forthcoming school events and planned activities in the light of the pandemic.

Regrettably, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel our work experience programme which was calendared for week commencing the 29<sup>th</sup> June. Whilst the school appreciates the extremely valuable nature of Work Experience, unfortunately in the current climate a large number of placements are now not available as these companies and providers the school deals with are currently undergoing unprecedented turbulence themselves. Furthermore, as the safety of our young people is absolutely paramount and the fact the school would not be able to ensure that safe social distancing is adhered to at all times, it is not possible to proceed with the programme. However, the school is already exploring how we might increase employer and post-16 provision engagement during Year 11 and hope that this would be equally beneficial, but in a different way. Ultimately, and following the disruption to their academic studies, the priority for Year 10 is to follow a substantial curriculum recovery programme when the time is right for them to return to school.

Please be advised that we are adhering closely to government guidelines and that once we are in a position to do so, parents will be updated on any future developments.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this very challenging time.

Your sincerely

Mrs C. Gunn  
Vice Principal