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12th December 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Work Experience for Years 10 and 12

Year 12 Work Experience – Monday 8th July-Friday 12th July

Year 10 Work Experience – Monday 15th July-Thursday 18th July

***Friday 19th July** is Sports Day and the last one for year 10s, so they are expected to attend.

Work Experience gives students valuable insight into the world of work, encourages them to develop their enterprise and employability skills, and helps them explore potential careers. The Department for Education's careers strategy requires students to have had two experiences of a workplace by the age of 18, additional to any part-time job they may have. The work experience placement enables the student to experience the rigours of the workplace and offers an opportunity for them to sample different working environments, which in turn may help them to select a career path, subject options or university course. Numerous university courses and apprenticeships are in high demand, and meaningful work experience can serve as a strong indicator of a student's genuine commitment to pursuing them further.

This academic year, all Year 10 and Year 12 students will participate in a work experience programme (see dates above). During this period there will be no classes – each day, all students will be at the workplace of their host employer. The responsibility of securing work experience placements rests with the student and their families. The school's careers team will make efforts to assist students who are unable to find placements independently, but given resource limitations, their capacity to provide help will be limited. Students are expected to go into local businesses; or contact businesses and companies they are interested in to ask for a placement. Once the company has agreed, they need to arrange a meeting and complete the placement forms enclosed which **need to be returned to the careers team by Friday 26th April 2024**. The forms and placements will be reviewed by Ms Galvin/Ms Levene-Fearnside/Ms Tasnim/Ms Anum. If any details are missing or the placement is deemed to be inappropriate, students will be asked to update their forms. We reserve the right to cancel any work placements or arrange an in-school placement, if students' behaviour, attitude and work during the year particularly the summer term does not meet our expectations.

Please read the 'Hints and Tips' sheet and the placement information guide on Unifrog <https://www.unifrog.org/know-how/for-students-a-guide-to-placements-work-experience> and encourage your child to start contacting possible employers for the placement. We would appreciate you spending some time exploring any personal contacts your child can use and/or by helping them to explore and research local companies which may be able to provide a placement.

If you have any questions, please email careers@baconcollege.co.uk and put '**Work Experience**' in the subject. You may be able to offer a work experience placement to another Bacon's student; if this is the case, please contact the careers team at the email above. We wish you the best of luck with supporting your child to find a placement.



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Kind regards,

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