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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Work Experience

Alongside employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving and so on, evidence of work experience is something that employers are looking for when recruiting and with the current job market being so precarious at the moment, it is important that young people do all they can to continue to develop their career management skills and make themselves employable.

Work experience can help students discover the industry that's right for them and can get a valuable insight into what it's like to work in industries that they are considering a career in. They can develop their existing skills such as decision making and self and social confidence and gain new ones that will help them be effective in the workplace when the time comes to enter the world of employment. It will help them to stand out from the competition and they can reference work experience on CVs and Personal Statements to look attractive to employers and universities.

We would like all Year 12 students to do some work experience over the next ten months and there are various places they could look for this

Work experience has traditionally been in person and this is still the best way to find out about a career or industry. However, with the current situation, it is harder to find physical work experience and most opportunities at the moment are virtual.

If there are family or friends who have contacts in an industry that your child would like to go into, they could ask them in the first instance. As the country opens up more, face to face work experience will hopefully come back and they may be able to find something this way.

However this is not always possible and there are other options to try and find something. There are several places to find virtual work experience and there are details at the end of this email. One particular careers platform called Springpod has set up many free experiences, many of which take place in school holidays, which would avoid missing any school time. From work experience with top organisations such as Airbus, Deloitte, Jaguar Land Rover to degree tasters with leading universities such as University of Oxford and Queen Mary, University of London, students can build their experience, explore subject interests and research career pathways so they are ready to make the right choices about their next steps. All Springpod programmes are entirely remote, can be completed at times that suit the individual and offer a certificate that is great for CVs.

Students can also use Springpod to research their options. There are [lots of helpful videos](#) to guide students through their career exploration. Students can browse through live apprenticeship vacancies to see what alternative options to College or University are available.

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There is still time to put in an application for their October Virtual Work Experience which includes opportunities to learn more about careers in Nursing, Publishing, Sports Journalism, Veterinary Science, TV and Media, Architecture and so much more. Applications are also now open for an exciting range of Virtual Degree Taster Programmes, which let students experience their university course of choice before they apply.

<https://www.springpod.com/>

Other places to find virtual work experience are:

Speakers for Schools [Speakers For Schools](#)

Uptree - [Uptree sign up code for HHS](#)

Medic Mentors – doctors, allied health professionals. Dentists, veterinary science
<https://medicmentor.co.uk/>

GPs surgery - It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team. <https://www.rcgp.org.uk/observegp>

Law - [White & Case Virtual WEX](#)

Investin (cost attached but there are bursaries available) - <https://investin.org/>

Career Days (cost attached) - (including Performing Arts, Psychology, Midwifery)
<https://www.careerdays.co.uk/>

There should be an opportunity for all students to find something they are interested in and to take part by the end of the academic year and they should let Miss Bond know which programme they are doing.

Work experience can help to develop career management and transferable skills, enabling young people to explore beyond their current plans and existing understanding of opportunities and take ownership of their career, seeing what is possible in the world of work.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



Miss S Bond
Careers Coordinator