



Tomlinscote School

20th May 2020

Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

Re: Virtual Work Experience project

As you are aware, due to current circumstances, we have had to cancel all external work experience placements for our Year 10 students this year.

However, we feel that it is important for students to have an opportunity to explore the world of work and find out more about careers and employment sectors which interest them.

Year 10 students will therefore be off timetable for the week beginning 1st June to participate in a 'virtual' work experience project. Students will spend the week working via Google Classroom in an employment sector of their choice where they have a range of activities set up, including an 'Interview Skills' course provided by Eton College's EtonX team. The week has been designed to support both students who have a reasonable idea of their future plans and those who are unsure of what their next steps might be. Students will be expected to submit a final project as a reflection of their week, either individually or as a group.

The video link below explains the format of the week in more detail:

<https://youtu.be/mtl0sAIsVFO>

All students will be emailed a code to access their Google Classroom on Monday 1st June. We hope that they will enjoy the week and take full advantage of the opportunity to have some dedicated time to explore the wealth of careers options available. Please direct any queries regarding this project to Dr Hammond on Nhammond@tomlinscoteschool.com

Face to Face Contact with Year 10 students after half term

At present, I still have not received any DfE guidance about what "face to face contact" means in a secondary school context and I will let you know what is happening as soon as possible. However, we will start to have some form of face to face contact with students as soon as possible, in order to review home learning that is taking place. This will start on Monday 8th June. However, it is so important for you, as parents/carers, to be clear about what your son/daughter has completed on a day to day basis. The vast majority of students are working extremely hard and are diligently uploading quality work. However, there are still a few students who are not completing their GCSE work and some are not getting out of bed until later in the morning, thus missing the vital pastoral check with their tutor.

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The expectation from school is that all students check in with their tutor first thing at 9am in the morning and then follow the school timetable structure. I do not wish a knowledge gap to form and for students to be impacted detrimentally. Please can you go through each subject individually with your son/daughter to see what has been completed and ask to look at their Hegarty Maths work online to see what questions have been answered. Thank you with your support in this matter.

I will be in contact soon when I have developed a plan for the week beginning 8th June 2020.

Your sincerely,

Mr Major
Principal