



# Tomlinscote School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Year 9 STEM Workshop – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

I'm delighted to let you know of an exciting in school opportunity for Year 9 students taking place on the morning of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April when we return after the Easter break.

All Year 9 students will take part in a workshop run by a local business in order to introduce students to the wide range of STEM career opportunities. Though STEM traditionally promotes science, technology, engineering and maths we are delighted to offer a broad range of organisations who will also be showcasing business and other skills needed by STEM companies such as marketing and project management. We are extremely grateful to the businesses who are volunteering and giving their time to help our students:

- Beczek.com (Pharmaceutical Consultancy)
- Leapfrog Internet Marketing
- PFU Therapeutics
- McLaren

Students in the 9T half of the year will take part in a session periods 1 and 2  
Students in the 9S half of the year will take part in a session period 3 into 4

Year 9 students have been briefed during their tutor session with more information about each workshop and asked to sign up to register their preferences.

The STEM Experience has been championed and designed by our Student Leadership Team who recognise the fork in the road that Year 9 students will soon be at with post-16 and career choices. The Student Leadership Team also wanted to show how what we learn at school has relevance in the wider world – and tackle some of the stereotypes around STEM.

Part of our role as a school is to support students to explore a range of careers to support their post-16 progression and to look ahead. The STEM skills shortage in the UK workforce is well documented and though there are continuing changes to the labour market with automation and AI, transferable STEM skills such as problem solving and logical reasoning will continue to be needed in every field.

If you have any questions in the first instance your child will have more information, and they should direct any outstanding questions to their tutor.

Kind Regards

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