



April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 - Take your Child to Work Day – Thursday 6th June 2019

You may have heard of the initiative 'Take your daughters to work day' which was initially set up to help promote equality in the workplace, broaden horizons and encourage girls to look at jobs that perhaps they had never considered before or jobs that may have been stereotyped as male/female jobs.

Thankfully, attitudes have now changed considerably but with an ever changing and fast moving employment market, it is important to give all our students every opportunity to explore the labour market, develop key skills, understand what options are available and start thinking about their future.

The publication of the recent Government careers strategy recognises the importance of students, from an early age, exploring the job market: "Research from the Education and Taskforce shows that a young person who has four or more encounters with an employer is 86% less likely to be unemployed or not in education or training and can earn up to 22% more during their career"

Employers are integral to great careers advice and we need employers of all sizes and from all sectors to provide experiences that will inspire our students and give them the opportunity to learn about what work is like and what it takes to be successful in the workplace.

For these reasons, we will be offering all students in Year 9 the opportunity to 'go to work' for the day on Thursday 6th June to shadow employees in the workplace. This could be with a family member, other relative or friend. Logistically, we will need parents / carers to organise placements but we are sure you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity and may be the first opportunity for your child to experience the world of work.

We understand that due to health and safety regulations, it is not always possible to take young people into all workplaces and so it is important that this is checked with the employer by you beforehand. This is not a work experience placement and so no additional insurance is needed, just public liability insurance.

Following the day, students will do follow up work at school, giving them the opportunity to discuss their day, skills they have learnt and how the experience may help them with their future choices and ambitions.

Please would you complete the slip and return to the School's Reception by Friday 17th May 2019. Accompanying this letter is an information sheet which should be passed on to the employer.

Yours sincerely

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Please return to Reception by Friday 17th May 2019.

On Thursday 6th June 2019, my child _____

Tutor Group _____

Will be spending the day working at _____

Name of business / company

Address of company / business _____

The company have approved the placement on health and safety grounds, and I can confirm that my child will be fully supervised on the day by the accompanying adult who will accept full responsibility for my child's safety. I confirm that my child will not be exposed to any high risk situations (e.g. working at height, working with hazardous materials) and will not be involved in working anti-social hours (e.g. night shifts)

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent / Carer