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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Work Experience Programme May 2022

Due to the ongoing uncertainty relating to Covid-19, we have had to make the difficult decision to make changes to our Work Experience Programme for May 2021.

We are experiencing huge challenges securing placements for our students. Understandably, most employers are taking the decision not to take placements this academic year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, working from home or, are not able to commit this year pending developments.

Some students have been able to secure placements with friends, family, and contacts. In addition, we have also been able to secure some placements through our contacts. We will continue in our efforts to attain as many placements as possible up until the deadline set by Derbyshire County Council for the necessary Health and Safety process to take place.

As we do not want any student to miss such an opportunity, we are now able to extend the deadline for placement organisation. Therefore, any placement that can be secured by Midday, Friday 4th February 2022, can be legally supported by the local authority.

For those students who do not manage to secure a placement, our plan is to explore a series of careers sessions in school. These will relate directly to employment and employability skills and GCSE learning. This will range from virtual/face to face interviews, interview skills and possibly input from a variety of external employers. This will help them understand, and gain knowledge related to working life, along with getting an employer's perspective. Part of the week will also be utilised in closing gaps created by Covid-19.

We understand how disappointed you may feel, but under the unprecedented circumstances we are facing we must consider and factor in all aspects. Therefore, this decision is based on the information we have, and the safest route for all involved.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Broomhead or Mr Pickles to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

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