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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 10 Work Experience Week 2020.

I am writing to update you on the planned Work Experience Week for Year 10 that was scheduled to take place in the week beginning Monday 29th June. Given the current situation both with our closure and the huge uncertainty surrounding business working conditions in all sectors, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the work experience week.

I know how disappointed the girls will be, and appreciate how much time and effort you have put into securing a placement for your daughter. Unfortunately, with so many people working from home, business challenges and staff furloughing, many businesses cannot commit the support and range of activities they would hope to offer the girls. Many businesses who would have been hosting girls are closed and do not know if and when they will be open again. We are not yet sure if we will be together in school by that time, or whether remote learning will be continuing. We also feel that if we are able to be back in the classroom by then the girls will need the support of their teachers and friends in getting back to normal.

I will be contacting the employers who have kindly offered your daughter a placement separately, to thank them for their support and update them on the situation. There may be a time in the school holidays when your daughter may be able to experience a day or two of work with them, and if your placement is with someone known to you this may be something you might like to arrange. However, the school would not be in position to monitor or quality assure a placement of this nature and it would have to be arranged privately, outside the jurisdiction of the school. The girls will have another opportunity to complete work experience at the end of Year 12, when we ask them to consider placements which are linked more closely to future career plans.

We will therefore expect all pupils to attend lessons as normal during the week beginning 29th June, be it remotely as we are now or back in school for a normal day.

Many thanks for the support you have offered with regard to work experience. It has been very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Mrs Langston

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