



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Work Experience Placements - Help Needed!

**Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022 (Year 10)**

**Monday 18th July to Friday 22nd July 2022 (Year 12)**

For many years a Work Experience Programme has been an integral part of the curriculum for pupils in Year 10 and Year 12 and this contributes substantially to the Careers Education programme provided. The programme involves every pupil spending a week in the workplace, responding to demands that are often very different to those met in school. It provides an opportunity for pupils to carry out real work tasks on employers' premises and experience as closely as possible the hours, working conditions and disciplines they would encounter as employees. Work Experience is a most rewarding time for the pupils and we always receive a great deal of positive feedback from employers.

We launched our Year 10 and Year 12 programmes later last year - bravely so in our new Covid times. However, we felt it was a valuable programme to run and would go some way towards filling the gaps experienced by our pupils over lockdown and would maintain as much normality about the school year as possible. Many of our pupils have proactively found placements in our local community, however due to the uncertainties of Covid some pupils have found it more difficult to secure a placement.

I am writing to you today to see if we have among our parent/carer body any people with roles within organisations or run their own businesses that feel they can help place a pupil for a work experience placement. We are keen to hear from anyone who may be able to help and we are hoping with the recent news of Plan B being removed that more organisations and businesses will want to reconnect with their local communities and schools in this way.

I look forward to hearing from as many of you who are able to support our Year 10s and Year 12s in this way. We have found over the years that the pupils return with greater motivation and do much better in their studies, and with your help I hope that we can make this an enjoyable learning experience for all.

Please contact me directly if you feel you or your organisation can help or if you have any further questions on this programme. I am contactable on: [jhiggins@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jhiggins@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Higgins  
Subject Lead for Careers

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