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Dear Parents,

Work Experience: 18-22 June 2018

I am writing to inform you of the dates and procedures relating to Work Experience which for Year 10 will take place next year, **18-22 June 2018**.

Perhaps now more than ever, Work Experience is of huge and significant importance; a stressed job market and rising University fees means that Work Experience could prove invaluable in helping our students and its importance should not be under-estimated. Work Experience gives CVs a competitive edge; students can see for themselves the realities of the world of work outside the comfortable and familiar environment of school and it raises confidence in their abilities - as well as renews their motivation to achieve at school.

Please find attached the forms for completion by your son as well as the Parental Consent Form. Your son will learn more about the Work Experience Programme during assemblies and tutor groups, plus the **Information Evening on 8th November 6.30pm-7.30pm**.

School Placements

A few placements are available to me for allocation via our providers, Youth Connexions but the choices available to us are **very** limited and your son will need to have a **very** flexible approach therefore we recommend that students find a **private placement**.

Private Placements

I would ask that as far as possible, you secure a private placement for your son.

Private placements are obviously one way of guaranteeing exactly what your son does for his Work Experience and can be among the most successful experiences, as well as avoiding any disappointment with regard to choices. A CV is helpful to an employer and I would suggest your son write several letters to several employers **as soon as possible**; I attach an example of both but feel free to adapt/change. If your son would like suggestions of who to write to, then please ask him to come and see me in the front office.

If you are able to secure a private placement, please ask the prospective employer to complete the **Work Experience Private/Own Placement Form** (page 5). The school follows guidelines issued by The Health and Safety Executive and Youth Connexions therefore if not already on the employment register, all potential employers must agree to a visit by a H & S Inspector to discuss insurance, appropriate tasks etc. Students are not permitted to work with Sole Traders. **The Work Experience Private Placement Form should be handed to the prospective employer by your son, completed and returned to school with the Parent Consent Form by Friday 9 February 2018. *** Please ensure that the Public Liability & Employer's Liability boxes are complete *****

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Placements in London and within an approximate forty-mile radius of the school are acceptable (in exceptional circumstances, placements may be arranged beyond this radius) however, placements outside of Herts and a 5 miles radius of school are subject to a surcharge of £20. The charge is to cover the Health & Safety Inspector's visit plus other charges incurred by the relevant careers advisory service. Please make cheques payable to TBSHS and return with the private placement contact information. **I cannot begin to process paperwork unless I have the fee in advance.** There is no charge for private placements inside Herts and within a 5 mile radius of school (including Stansted, Stansted Airport, Great Dunmow, Ongar, Enfield & Harlow). Please note; pupils are **not** allowed to work with a single person employer (sole trader).

All parents/carers must complete the **Parent Consent Form** (page 6) and if your son is unable to source his own placement, then he should complete the **Student Work Experience Request Form** (page 7) and return it to me as soon as possible. The deadline for returning all the forms is **Friday 9 February 2018, this is the LAST day for forms to be returned!** Students whose forms have not been returned by this date will be allocated a placement from the Youth Connexions listings. Similarly, private placement information returned after this date **cannot be processed**. Late forms & placements are subject to a very hefty surcharge by Youth Connexions which we will need to pass on to students.

The overwhelming response from both students and employers is that Work Experience is extremely worthwhile and fulfilling, I hope your son rises to the challenge! If you have any queries, or need any advice on completing the attached form(s), please contact me here at the school.

Yours sincerely,



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Key Points:

- **Work Experience dates: 18-22 June 2018**
- **Single person (Sole Trader) employer not permissible**
- **Employer to agree to H & S Inspection (if not already on register)**
- **No charge to students for placement within Herts or 5 mile radius of school**
- **£20 fee for placements outside of Herts and beyond 5 mile radius**
- **9 Feb 2018 deadline for returning ALL paperwork to school *with* payment if required**

**Curriculum Vitae
of
Johnny My-Name**

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 22nd October 2002
Address: 44, Any Row Cottages, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3LU
Phone: 08591 741842 Email: johnnymyname@gmail.com

Personal Statement

I'm a responsible Year 10 student and attend The Bishops Stortford High School etc etc etc etc

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Education

September 2014 - present: The Bishops Stortford High School, Bishops Stortford, Herts

Working towards 10 GCSEs in Maths, English Language and Literature, French, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, History, Geography and Music

Year 7: Member of A Team rugby squad
Year 8: Athletics competition winner, House Captain,
Member of A Team rugby squad.
Spring Term: Academic Achievement Award
Year 9: Athletics competition winner, member of A Team rugby squad,
Autumn Term: Endeavour Award, Summer Term: Unsung Hero Award
Year 10: Member of A Team rugby squad, member of School Choir

Predicted Grades:

Maths A, English Literature B, Language, A etc etc

6th Form & Beyond:

School 6th Form then university to study OR XXX College to study XXX

Other Qualifications:

Scout Gold Award ABRSM Grade 5 piano, Swimming Distance XXX etc

Hobbies & Interests

Due to start Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
Football, Computer Games, Music Scouts, Air Cadets, Volunteer at XXX etc

Referees:

Dr Martyn Fisher – Head of Year 10 The Bishops Stortford High School
Mr Mark Atkinson – The Bishops Stortford High School (Teacher Computing & Maths)

***The above is just an example – feel free to adapt !
There are dozens of other layouts & examples available on the internet***

This letter is just an example – do put into your own words if you prefer !

Your address here
on the right
of the page
including your home tel
and mobile number
or in the middle if you prefer

Date goes here

Name of who you are writing to here
their job title goes here
name of company or business here
followed by address
County
& postcode

Dear Mr Whoever

I am writing to you in the hope that you might consider a request from me to carry out my school Work Experience with your Company during June 2018.

I attend The Bishop's Stortford High School and am studying for XXXXXXXX GCSE's and am currently in Year 10. My predicted grades are, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, after which I hope to study XXXXXXXX in the 6th Form.

I am very keen to come to your Company because XXXXXXXXX and I believe that a period of Work Experience would help to ascertain my future career as well as give me some independence and focus for studying.

The exact dates are 18-22 June 2018 when I will be XXXXXXXX years of age. If you require any further information, please let me know. In the meantime, I enclose my CV and look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

your signature here

Johnny My-Name

Remember !

Dear Sir = Yours faithfully

Dear Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr = Yours sincerely

WORK EXPERIENCE - PARENT CONSENT FORM

I give permission for
my son.....Reg.Group.....
date of birth.....

to spend the period **18-22 June 2018** on Work Experience.

I understand that no payment in respect of work done may be made although employers may offer assistance with lunches and fares if they so wish.

I know of no medical reason why..... (name of student)
should not take part in Work Experience. If there are medical consideration/special needs that affect the
type of placement that would be suitable, please indicate here:

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Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date.....

Private Placement Information

Name of Company..... (Tel. No.....)

Address.....
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Email address.....

Type of activity offered

Name of person to be contacted

Name of son

Relationship of employer to your son (friend/relative etc)