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Dear Parent / Carer,

**Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening**  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

It is our privilege to inform you of our Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening, to take place in the **Main Hall** at the School on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**, starting at **18:00**, and lasting for no more than an hour.

Work Experience **is integral to the curriculum at TBSHS**, with boys all taking part in the programme in Year 10, as well as in the Summer of Year 12. The Year 10 boys' work experience programme is a fantastic opportunity for boys to undertake at this point in their education, with the process giving a real-world insight into life beyond school. The benefits of undertaking work experience are numerous and wide ranging, and include:

- **Providing careers education and guidance:** Raising boys' awareness of the factors which may determine career choice and the requirements of particular employment sectors.
- **Supporting attainment in individual subjects:** Enhancing boys' understanding of the skills developed within the curriculum.
- **Supporting vocational qualifications:** Improving boys' understanding of the vocational areas they are studying and acquisition of relevant knowledge and skills.
- **Learning about the world of work:** Preparation for the transition from education to work and a recognition of the kinds of "employability" skills and attitudes required by employers; such as problem solving, flexibility and the ability to work with others.
- **Allowing opportunities for general personal and social development:** Enhancing their self-confidence, maturity and their interpersonal skills.
- **Expanding the breadth of curriculum:** Support for boys' learning in a range of areas which will prepare them for adult life, such as understanding of social, economic and industrial issues, citizenship and enterprise.
- **Gaining an understanding of health and safety:** Helping raise boys' awareness of the importance of following health and safety requirements in the workplace.
- **Acquiring new key skills:** Offering opportunities to collect evidence which can go towards key skills portfolios.
- **Helping with career planning:** Contributing to the development of a boy's career plan.
- **Motivation and achievement:** Helping raise boys' motivation and self-esteem through experiential learning.

Year 10 Work Experience will this year take place during the period Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, for which boys will be on work placements, as opposed to being in school for the week.

Due to the amount of planning and organisation required to make the week a success for your son, Mrs Jonas our Careers Leader, will present on the breadth of opportunities available and the detailed logistics involved in personalising the offer to enable your son to maximise his learning experience throughout the week.. Following the presentation, Mrs Jonas will take any individual questions that you or your son may have. Mindful of the importance of the information that needs to be communicated to all parties in the process, **it is essential that all boys attend the evening (in full school uniform), along with at least one parent**, so that the process can be fully explained to all involved.

We look forward to welcoming you and your son on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Ross Wheatley  
Head of Year 10

Mrs Claire Jonas  
Careers Leader



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