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Dear Parent / Guardian

Year 10 Work Experience: Monday 29th June – 6th July 2020

I am writing to inform you that all year 10 students will be taking part in a 10-day Work Experience Placement beginning in the summer term.

Work Experience is a fantastic opportunity which aims to:

- ❖ Acquaint students with life in a working environment.
- ❖ Give students an insight into a particular career.
- ❖ Increase students economic understanding.
- ❖ Relate GCSE subjects to the world of work.

Each student will, in the first instance try to find a placement with your help. Students are encouraged to use a website called **START profile**. The website will help students *think* about what career they would like in the future. Parents are also encouraged to login to help your teenager explore. (attached)

It is advisable for students to start looking for a placement as soon as possible as placements fill up very quickly with students from other schools, unfortunately many employers can only take so many students at a time.

Please discuss work experience with your teenager, to help them find the most suited placement which will match their potential and ability.

Each placement used for work experience is health and safety checked to ensure their safety is paramount.

If you do have any questions or queries regarding work experience, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Your child will not be able to take part without the completed attached form.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Exciting new educational resource

Help your child explore their future career and education options at home by encouraging them to register onto Start - a fantastic online careers learning tool. Start is accessible anytime on computers and compatible mobile and tablet devices, and is designed to enable young people to make excellent choices about their futures.

How should my child use it?

All new users will need to register to create an account the first time they use Start (see step by step instructions for how to do this below). When learners log in they will be able to explore freely or they can take a tour.

Your child will be able to personalise their profile with details about their skills, qualities, interests and work preferences and the system will generate job suggestions matched to their personality. They will then be able to map an educational pathway to their dream career and see live job and apprenticeship vacancies.

Young people often find it difficult to think about their strengths, therefore sitting with them and suggesting skills you think they have could be really helpful. You may also want to give them ideas about how to stand out from the crowd in order to get their dream job. Encourage them to rate jobs, qualifications and destinations so that their teachers can see their preferences in order to support them further.

What if I want to use Start myself?

That's fine - as well as discussing job ideas and education routes with your child you are also welcome to find out more about job opportunities for yourself. We would, however, ask you not to log in using your child's user details and to instead register yourself using the same steps outlined below, choosing parent instead of student and creating your own username and password.

For more information on Start or the support available for your son or daughter, please contact





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How to register

 Create a Start account by following these simple steps.

 Go to www.startprofile.com and click **Register**

 Enter your first name, surname and email address. Click **Next**

Tip: If you forget your user name or password we will use this email address to send you a reminder

 Start typing the name of your school or college to find your establishment.

 Select the **Student** check box and enter your registration code: [20013]

Tip: Parents please select the **Parent** check box and use the same code

 Select your gender, date of birth and current year group

Tip: Parents do not need to enter their date of birth or year group

Choose a memorable username and a secure password. Read and agree to the privacy policy and click **Submit**

Tip: User names need to be unique and memorable. Learners may want to use their school network log in details or email address as their username.

You are now ready to log in to Start. Click **Login** and enter your username and password. Users can request a reminder of their username or password by clicking **Forgot Username** or **Forgot Password**.

We hope you enjoy using Start! If you would like to offer any ideas for how to make the resource even better please send them to feedback@u-explore.com.

