



# Ormiston NEW Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Work Experience for Y12 Students** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

As part of their Key Stage 5 programme of study, all Year 12 students will complete a weeks work experience towards the end of the summer term and we request your help in trying to find a placement for your child.

Work Experience provides young people with an invaluable insight into industry and commerce - students are able to learn first-hand about the structure and organisation of companies as well as about the standards, pressures and demands of meeting the needs of customers and the expectations of a line manager. They will need to adapt to new situations, meet new people and evaluate themselves in a new environment. Even the experience of planning and undertaking a new journey can be a huge learning experience for young people.

It is advisable to secure a placement as early as possible as there are other local schools who look for work experience at this time of year. Please be aware that popular placements are booked up very early, sometimes a year ahead, and many businesses only want one or two students a year. In terms of personal development, it is very important that students have the flexibility of finding their own placements.

If, as a family, you have contacts which may lead to a placement for your child or any other Academy students, please follow this up and inform us of the details. All placements need to be booked as soon as possible to ensure health and safety checks are carried out.

In addition to a face-to-face work placement we are also encouraging students to participate in virtual placements during their time in 6<sup>th</sup> form so that they have the opportunity to experience a range of Careers and develop a variety of skills. Virtual work experience can be found through a number of websites but we, at Ormiston NEW Academy, recommend students apply for a virtual placement through <https://www.speakersforschools.org/> or <https://www.springpod.com/>. Your child will need to register with them and they can then search the website and be updated with suitable placements they can apply for. We, in turn, will also be updated on placements students find and are accepted for. Information on how to do this will be sent to all students. Speakers for Schools does ask that all parents/carers give permission for their child to participate in the virtual placements and that they are happy for a limited amount of information about students who apply for a virtual placement, to be shared with them. This is in line with the data sharing agreement that all parents/carers sign when their child joins NEW Academy and will not be used for anything else. Please let us know if you do not want this information to be shared and/or your child completing a virtual work experience otherwise we will assume your child can take part and information be sent.

We hope you agree that Work Experience is a great opportunity which will result in your son or daughter having a more confident approach to events that will occur in the future as well as supporting future UCAS, apprenticeship and job applications. Interviews, starting a new job, or even making career decisions should be less daunting having experienced the real working environment. Please can you sign and return the attached sheet giving your consent for your child to participate in work experience. if you have any queries or concerns about work experience at any time please do not hesitate to contact us on 01902 623111.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Flanagan  
Careers Leader and Business Teacher



