

18 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our updated careers programme Myton School is offering work experience to all Year 10 students for the first time in a number of years. We recognise the importance of students having the opportunity to participate in a high-quality work experience as a valuable part of preparation for Year 11 as it provides young people with:

- increased self-understanding, maturity, independence and self-confidence
- increased motivation to continue study and/or undertake further training
- an understanding of the work environment and what employers expect of their employees
- an opportunity to explore possible career options and “try out” a workplace
- a better understanding of how the school curriculum can help prepare young people for work
- enhanced opportunities for part-time and casual employment
- the opportunity to include the employer's work experience evaluation in future job and course applications
- opportunities to develop work-related competencies and acquire new skills

The work experience placements will take place between 1-5 July 2024. Through our partnership with Work Experience Services (Warks) all work experience placements will be checked for all aspects of health and safety ensuring correct insurances/policies are in place for students under the age of 16. There will be a charge of £17 per student for this service. Students will be encouraged to find their own work experience placement to develop their employability skills and time will be allocated during tutor time to assist with this. The voluntary contribution of £17.00 should be made via ParentPay when your child submits the private placement form to their tutor, ParentPay will be live for payments from 9am on Thursday 19 October 2023. By making payment via ParentPay, you give consent for your child to participate in this event and declare that your child is in good health and physically able to take part. If there are any changes to your child's medical status which were not declared on the Pupil Data Checking Sheet, as issued at the start of the academic year, you must notify the school immediately.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to take part in this experience, please contact Mr Wilson to discuss in further detail. Your child will be given a form at school to complete with details of their placement. We may be able to provide a small number of placements for students, but these will only be offered in extreme circumstances. To support students with their post-16 choices and career opportunities, it would be most beneficial if they were able to source a placement linked to their area of interest. This information is required by 26 January 2024 at the latest and students should give their completed placement form to their tutor by this date.

If you have any queries regarding the work experience programme, please do not hesitate to contact me at wilson.j@myton.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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