

Ref: JEV/BME/GHA

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Cancellation of Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you to you all for your on-going support in helping us to utilise more and more virtual means of communication and education in these unchartered times. It has been extremely encouraging to discover that whilst we face challenges, there are further opportunities and systems that we will in fact be able to keep using and evolving in the future for our stakeholders. Unfortunately, due to the current guidelines and circumstances for many local businesses, we are unable to offer Year 10 Work Experience in July 2021 and the decision has been made to cancel the two week placements.

Following extensive discussions, we have deemed that it would not be safe and viable to place all of our Year 10 students in work placements in July 2021. As we are sure you will appreciate, this is not a decision that has been taken lightly, but one that has had to be made in light of the current restrictions. However, despite this cancellation, we fully intend to create further events and experiences for our students so that they can continue to gain a greater understanding of career opportunities and further education.

We are working tirelessly to ensure our Careers Hub, which is available via the Plume Academy website and our new fortnightly CEIAG Newsletter, provides regular and up-to-date information to our students about career, apprenticeship and work experience opportunities. In addition to these, we are currently developing our Careers Week on 1-6 March 2021, as well as some specific careers activities which our students will be able to access in the summer term. These key CEIAG events will serve to develop students work related skills and enable them to fully explore a vast array of career opportunities which are available to them. We are working collaboratively with a range of external providers to ensure all CEIAG experiences will be engaging, relevant and inspiring for our students, thus providing them with the relevant advice and guidance that they need to help them on their individual career journeys.

We look forward to sharing further details of these events with you in due course. In the meantime, please encourage your son/daughter to use the Career's Interview Booking System, as well as review the information on our Newsletters and our Careers Hub.

If you have any further queries regarding the information outlined in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at j.everett@plume.essex.sch.uk or b.meltzer@plume.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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