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Dear Parent/Carer

You may have recently heard your child talking about Work Experience. Do you understand what this is? If not, this letter will hopefully give you a better understanding.

Work Experience can contribute to an individual's development by:-

- Increasing motivation to study.
- Clarifying the relationship between the curriculum and the outside world.
- School leaver records of achievement.

I believe that the learning that takes place during this one week placement and the subsequent follow up work that is undertaken in school after the placement is invaluable to many pupils' maturation not only as a person, but in terms of their general career thinking.

Springfield pupils currently undertake their work experience placement in the summer term of Year 10. Our dates for this year are 11th – 15th July 2022, with a debrief session on Monday 18th July 2022.

Several other local schools also access these dates. Consequently some of the more popular occupational areas are often regrettably over subscribed.

As a school we work with a partner organisation EBP (Education Business Partnership), who help organise and manage Work Experience placements for our pupils.

EBP has a database of over 2200 employers who are prepared to offer their time and services to facilitate our work experience needs. Over the next few weeks pupils will have the opportunity to discuss with their form tutors, their friends and of course yourselves, which type of occupational area they would like to enter for their work experience.

Pupils will be able to use the system wherever internet access is available. This means that pupils will be able to search and apply for placements at home as well as in school. Parent/guardians will also be able to track the progress of the pupil's applications. Pupils are also able to arrange their own work placements, often with parents or friends of their family.

There is an online video we are asking all parents and students to watch – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR8Jt0H5qUc>. This will explain how the EBP website works and how to search for placements. I have also attached the Work Experience Guide for Students and the Work Experience Paths document which we advise you read carefully. We will be working with pupils during some PDL classes to issue them with their log in details and also assist them with the process. Please use the reply slip attached to indicate that you have read/viewed the above.

At this stage, I would like to emphasise that we talk about work experience and not a job trial.

Yours faithfully

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Work Experience Reply Slip

I/we acknowledge receipt of the work experience letter and have read/viewed the recommended video/guides.

I/we understand that my son/daughter and I are selecting a work placement and not a job trial.

I/we understand that I need to discuss fully with my son/daughter his/her choice of placements.

I/we understand that a fee of £39 will be payable by me to the Education Business Partnership if I/we request a change of placement once one has been arranged and confirmed.

Signed

Date

Pupil name

Tutor group 10.....

This form should be returned to reception or by email to: contact@springfield.uk.net before 28th February 2022

