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Dear Parent/Carer

Work Experience

We are excited to inform you that we are launching our work experience programme, which will take place over one week from Monday 7 July to Friday 11 July 2025. This opportunity is part of our enrichment offer to all year 10 students. We hope this experience will be invaluable for them when looking at progression routes after life at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy and will support them in cultivating their character; one of our academy key drivers.

In preparation for this, during tutor time sessions, all students have now signed up to Unifrog, which is an online platform to support with work placements. Parents and carers will also be provided with access to this platform and further information on the work experience programme will be presented at our information evening which will be held online via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 15 January 2025 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm. Please confirm your attendance using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/TsnNhC0HsA>

We are relaunching work experience for the first time post-Covid 19. We have worked with other local schools, both within and external to our Trust, to ensure that our programme is thorough and supports as many students as possible. Local and national research shows that students are more successful when they have found placements themselves, based on their interests. As such, prior to the meeting, please can you have conversations with your child around what kind of placement they would like for the week.

Please see attached, a timeline of the work experience programme we are running this year. This will also be sent home with students so you can keep a hard copy. It is also worth noting at this point that all students in year 10 will take part in careers during period 4 sessions between January and Easter to support work experience (there will be no period 4 sport on offer during this time).

Yours sincerely

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