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Dear Parent/Carers

Year 12 Work Experience Programme

Usually at this time of year I would be launching our work experience programme to Year 12 students, encouraging them to seek opportunities for our designated work experience week (28^{th} June – 2^{nd} July). As you will appreciate this is not possible at the current time and it is difficult to anticipate what the situation will be in July.

However, we believe work experience is vitally important, not only for a CV and for supporting transitions but for students' personal development.

We are therefore encouraging all Year 12 students to participate in at least one virtual work experience opportunity over the next few months. There are some amazing experiences being offered by a range of companies including major Law firms, global businesses and media organisations. These are organisations that students would not usually have access to and, as such, it provides them with a unique opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge in a sector that interests them whilst also greatly enhancing their UCAS, apprenticeship and job applications.

A comprehensive list of opportunities that we are currently aware of is attached to this letter but new offers do come out each week – these are emailed out to students and will also be placed on our school website.

Please do discuss this with your son/daughter and encourage them to participate as this is an excellent opportunity for them to show that they have been proactive during lockdown. Once we return to school we will be asking students to feedback on their experiences.

Of course, if we are able to, we would still like to encourage students to attend face to face work experience opportunities in the summer and we have a number of employers who are willing to take on a student if their workplaces are back open. If your son/daughter already has somewhere in mind for their work experience week or know that they would be able to secure a virtual experience during that week, please ask them to let me know and I can record this.

If you have any questions or if you are aware of any additional virtual work experience opportunities that we can promote to students, please get in touch with me at nkinder@urmstongrammar.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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