

Year 10 Parent Notes

Respect, Responsibility, Relationships

Oxted has focused on having respect for self and others and taking responsibility for one's own actions. In assembly this week, I urged Year 10 students, as the future leaders of the school, to consider their relationships this week as well.

In this age of social media, instant reactions, and anonymous feedback, children need to make, preserve, and protect friendships.

Work Experience

Thank you for all your support in ensuring that your child has completed and returned to school the signed Parent Consent Form and Employer Form details. Mrs Lambert reports that far more forms have been handed in this week.

If you haven't yet started the conversation about work experience, please do help your son or daughter to make this important choice. Students in past years have learned so much from this week in the workplace, many securing a summer job from the time. This week in assembly, I shared a few success stories about students who:

- gained long-term employment
- were asked to return the following week and work all summer
- made changes to A-level choices based on the work they did

Please email Ms Lambert at wex@oxtedschool.co.uk if you have specific questions about Work Experience or to help your child secure a position.

Email Considerations:

Some students have shared a concern that they have emailed a number of potential employers with requests for a placement and have not received replies to their emails. Please note that our student email addresses have school email restrictions: **they are not able to receive emails from outside accounts and the sender does not receive notification that they have not received the email.**

This means that if they have sent any applications for work experience from their school email address the person they have emailed may have emailed back but the email has not been sent through.

If this has happened our advice is for them to call the potential employer (perhaps with your help), check they received the email and let them know about the school firewall protection. It is a good opportunity to find out information about the company, show initiative, and maybe arrange a meeting.

If anyone needs help with this, Ms Lambert, our Work Experience Co-ordinator is very happy to help – she is based in the Careers office next to the Library. Tutors have also encouraged students to phone back and follow through their applications with the employers.

Our afterschool homework club, **SHOW**time, is continuing every Tuesday and Thursday. During this time, F29 is booked out for any Year 10 student to:

- complete homework in a quiet space
- use the IT facilities
- catch up on or do additional reading to prepare for future lessons

All are welcome and I look forward to seeing more Year 10 students using this opportunity over the next term.

Next week the Progress focus will be on Study Skills and Revision techniques. Here are some more tips for effective studying:

- **Pick a place and time**
Everyone has their own idea about the best place and time to study. Whether it's in their bedroom at night or the library after school, help your child find a study space and a regular study time that works for him or her and stick with it
- **Set up a study space**
Their study space should be quiet, comfortable and distraction-free. It should make him or her feel happy and inspired. Maybe it can be decorated with favourite pictures or objects. If you allow them to listen to music or burn a candle, ensure they've chosen a space that lets them do that
- **Find their best time**
Some people work better in the morning; others work better at night. Work out which time suits your son or daughter and help them plan to study then. As a general rule, don't let them study much later than usual bedtime - pushing oneself late at night can make them too tired to study properly

Thank you for your continued support.

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