

Year 10 Parent Notes

This week was the deadline for the work experience forms being handed in to Ms Lambert in the Careers office. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for all the support you have given to your son/daughter in helping them secure a work experience placement and ensuring that all the forms have been completed and returned.

Ms Lambert has once again stated that there has been a steady stream of forms being handed in this week, however there are still many students who have not handed in either of the forms. If the forms have not been handed in this week can we please urge that they are handed in as soon as possible after half term. I know that some students are waiting on their employer forms to be filled out. If this is the case can we ask that the student form is returned to school as soon as possible so that we know who has a placement in the pipeline and which students we may need to offer more support to over the next half term. This will enable Ms Lambert to then begin and complete the process of ensuring that the work placements are safe and secure for the students to work there.

This was a key message of the assembly this week that if students have not managed to get their forms in there is still time for them to secure a placement and reap the rewards of a successful work experience.

In assembly we also celebrated that homework logs for the last fortnight are also considerably down compared to other fortnights. We hope that this is something to continue to decrease as we make our way into the second half of Year 10. We also celebrated in the achievements of 15 students who were nominated by their tutors as their tutee of the half term. There were loads of worthy reasons given for the nominations and a massive congratulations to everyone who was nominated.

This week we also had the Rule the School event happen again, and we were pleased with the way that the Year 10 students who managed to secure a place conducted themselves on this day. They were expected to plan and teach lessons, as well as fulfilling other aspects of the teachers' role, such as being out on duty or conducting learning walks. We hope that those who did take part found the day rewarding even if it was exhausting for them and that they have gained some valuable insights into the daily life of a teacher. Those who did not apply for a position this time round may wish to think about it next time when they are in Year 12.

I ask that you continue to stress the importance of them adopting and maintaining a good work ethic, and would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our afterschool homework club, **SHOWtime**, that happens on every Tuesday and Thursday. During this time F29 is booked out for any Year 10 student to use to go and have a quiet place to complete homework, or to keep on top of any other work. It is also a great place for students to come and start preparing revision aids or to start thinking about revising in general.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing more Year 10 students using this opportunity over the next half term, as it is great to see that some students are now using this on a regular basis and are turning up to almost all of the sessions. Some even asking me if they can use F29 on different evenings which if I am available I am more than happy to oversee.

I hope you have a restful half term.

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