



# Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

## Re: Year 10 Work Experience – July 2020

I am writing to inform you that Year 10 Work Experience 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 will be cancelled this year due to the current situation with Covid-19 and the impact on both business and education.

Although it is not currently known how long school and business closures will continue, it is understood that many businesses may not be in a position to support students with their work experience if they are trying to get back on track themselves. Moreover, the School also has to take into consideration that some employers have already cancelled placements and the time constraints for the relevant administration and Health & Safety checks to be undertaken.

I understand that this will be a great disappointment to students who have arranged placements themselves and were looking forward to the opportunities these afforded. Unfortunately, there probably will not be an opportunity to move this to a later date due to the anticipated need for lesson time to be maximised once Schools re-open, due to the loss of this currently. I understand that a number of students may still want to arrange a work experience placement and would advise them to consider doing so during October half term if possible or next summer so as not to interfere with their Year 11 studies.

The School will be writing to all businesses and organisations who have offered placements to let them know of the School's decision and to thank them for offering a placement this year for your daughter.

Thank you so much to all those parent/carers who have actively supported their daughter in securing a work experience placement for July 2020. Our students benefit greatly from these placements; learning about the world of work and also about themselves and their employability skills in the process

As part of our careers programme to support students as they make choices about their future career pathways, the School have also arranged with Prospects, your daughter's independent careers provider, for all Year 10 students to have a further opportunity for a careers interview over the telephone. This will allow students the opportunity to talk through their aspirations and get impartial information, advice and guidance on suitable pathways and resources that may be useful. To arrange the interview your daughter should email Mrs Smith, our Work Experience & Business Community Links Co-ordinator on [ksm@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:ksm@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk), giving their name, email, telephone number and subjects studied.

Over the next few weeks the School will be sending out careers related learning information for your daughter to complete at home. I would also encourage your daughter to revisit Kudos, our online careers platform of which details are on the school website. If your daughter needs help to login then please also contact Mrs Smith on the email above.

I hope that you and your family are all safe and well during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A McGee  
Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum & Assessment)

