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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

Our 2027 Work Experience Programme is now live. Work experience helps young people develop valuable skills, learn more about themselves and explore possible careers. This pack explains how the programme works and how you can support your child to find and submit a placement.

Work experience will take place from **Monday 1 to Thursday 4 February 2027**. We also hope to hold an in-school reflection and careers day on Friday, with details to follow. Students who do not secure a placement will attend school and follow their usual timetable for the four placement days, so we strongly encourage everyone to take part where possible.

We run a self-placement programme, meaning students and their families are responsible for finding an employer willing to host them. Please work through this pack with your child and encourage them to begin promptly. Family, friends, neighbours and professional contacts are often a good starting point. There are very few limits on the type of placement possible, provided an employer agrees and the placement passes the required checks. We will also be providing targeted support in school.

What happens next

1. Your child, with your support, finds an employer willing to host and gathers information from them.
2. The placement is submitted online through Collsys using the instructions in this pack.
3. The £30 EBP registration contribution is paid through Arbor when the placement is submitted.

Placements should be submitted for registration by **Friday 13 November 2026**.

Registration and cost – Your child's safety is the number one priority. Through the EBP programme each child and their placement are individually registered to ensure consistency and safety.

The EBP cost is **£30** per student which is unchanged from last year. The EBP School programme covers:

- independent risk assessments and legal checks by a trained team
- insurance checks, safeguarding and employer liaison
- a student logbook and certificate plus preparation and reflection activities

EBP registration is required for your child to take part in work experience. None of the fee is retained by the school. It is payable on Arbor when your child's place is submitted. It can be found under trips.

We do not want cost to prevent any student from taking part. Families who need assistance with the contribution can confidentially apply to our support fund by emailing careers@durring.com.

We look forward to supporting your child as they take this step into the working world. Thank you for your encouragement at home; your involvement makes a real difference.

Best regards,
Toby Henry
Careers Leader