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Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome back our Year 10 students into school this week and see them engaging enthusiastically in the classroom and enjoying social time, catching up with their friends.

I am contacting you at this time as we are now in a position to look further ahead in the calendar to the original plans made for July with regards to Year 10 Work Experience.

Due to the current situation we have given lots of thought as to what would be in the best interests of our students during the last 9 days of the school year. Even now it's not a straightforward decision to make, due to the uncertainty about how the "journey out of lockdown" might go over the coming weeks and months and the disruption already experienced to the Year 10 curriculum.

Recently we have been contacted by a number of employers who understandably, given the extremely difficult circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of lockdown on their business, are now no longer able to support placements for students this summer. However, we have also been contacted by some parents and employers who are prepared and very much looking forward to supporting our students with their chosen placements, albeit giving due consideration to the new 'normal' ways of operating.

As a school we fully appreciate the efforts of both local businesses and our parents in supporting this initiative, but it is looking increasingly likely that plans for many will be affected this year. However, we still very much value this important opportunity in our Key Stage 4 curriculum and therefore would like placements to go ahead, albeit with one important change to note. We have made the decision to reduce the length of this experience to the final week of school (19th July – 22nd July 2021). This decision has been made to not only support our employers but to provide pupils with more time in school as part of our curriculum recovery before the end of the school year.

Apologies for the length of this email. I do hope it helps clarify the position with Work Experience. Please do contact us if you have any questions or have received communication direct from the employer using the following email address: workexperience@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk

Regards

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