



Dear Year 10 parents / guardians and pupils,

Summer 2020 Work Experience postponed

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Year 10 work experience will NOT take place this summer.

I would really like to congratulate you and your families, who put so much effort into finding employer placements. Well done to all of you who found fantastic employer placements. The quality, and variety, of placements that you secured is exceptional. I know that many of you will be disappointed not to be going out on work experience. Please contact your employers to explain that you will not be able to attend this summer. In your email / letter, tell them how much you appreciate them offering the opportunity to you. And ask them if it will be possible to come and do your work experience at some time in the future, when it is safe for employers to open their doors again. We very much hope that this is a postponement of the workplace experience and not a cancellation.

Sydenham School will be working hard to give you relevant experiences of work places and employers as part of your ongoing careers programme.

Have a look at this message from David Barker, Director of Livery Schools Link, about Overcoming Crisis with an Entrepreneur's Mindset:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlwaE7JXr-c>

Inspiring Change Makers Online Summit

On 21 May we have been invited by Sydenham High School (GDST) to join them and other schools at the **Inspiring Change Makers Online Summit**. (The school is registered and I will let you know login details nearer the time).

Have a look at: <https://www.inspiringfemales.org.uk/inspiring-change-makers-online>

The Summit details -

“Over 40 amazing speakers both from the East of England and beyond have pledged their support, covering professions such as engineering, journalism, architecture, law, sports, the sciences, technology, finance, charities, fashion, vlogging, wellbeing, the armed forces, politics - to name a few.

They have all volunteered their time to create free-to-access inspiring TED-style talks, insightful careers-focussed presentations, interactive sessions, Q&As, active sessions and much more too. Very simply, pupils will be able to access a wide range of online videos to choose from - they will be able to create their own conference day to enjoy from the comfort of their own home.

In the meantime, there are some interesting online resources to research.

See the Careers page of Sydenham School:

<https://www.sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/careers>

Explore the National Careers Service website. Do their skills assessment. Call them for advice:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Use the new Skills Toolkit to build your skills:

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

Design a Formula 1 car:

<https://www.f1inschools.com/workfromhome.html>

Experience Virtual Work Experience on the Barclays Lifeskills website (plus lots more):

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience>

Keep checking in with the VWEX (Virtual Work Experience Opportunities) on the Speakers 4 Schools website:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/>

And see the Law firms offering virtual work experience:

<https://www.thelawyerportal.com/free-guides/law-work-experience/virtual-work-experience-for-law-students/>

If there is any other support or information that I can help with - please do email me.

Best wishes,

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