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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to announce that, as part of our careers programme, Year 12 students will be taking part in **Work Experience from 15 - 18 July 2024**.

Work experience provides students with the opportunity to find out more about the world of work, develop relevant skills and explore potential career pathways. Students have already had some sessions about this in their enrichment lessons at the start of the term, where they looked at how to approach an employer and the importance of their social media presence. Further work to support them in this process will take place in the Spring and Summer terms during form time.

Preparation for university and employment is an integral part of the Sixth Form programme at Hitchin Girls' School. Employability or work-readiness is becoming more and more important to universities and employers. While qualifications remain essential, with very few exceptions, they are no longer the only consideration. By gaining a work shadowing placement in relevant sectors, our students can gain a real advantage when applying for university, apprenticeships or work. While on work shadowing placement, students will be able to talk with and observe skilled and qualified people who can give them a better idea of what their job involves. It is an opportunity to network and find contacts.

All students are expected to find their own work shadowing placements. Taking personal responsibility for finding the placement and researching their further education and career path is an important part of the process. While we will provide support and inspiration in school, we expect students to actively find the placement and apply for it themselves - and they will learn a great deal from doing so. In the past many students have found their family and friends network in industry to be a great support in finding opportunities.

We will be in touch with further information in the Spring term. This letter is to highlight that this opportunity will be taking place and encourage students to begin thinking about what work experience they may be interested in and explore possible placement opportunities.

Your sincerely,

Tina Stojko



Director of Sixth Form