

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

## A Leading Edge Technology & Applied Learning College

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### Year 10 Work Experience cancelled

You will be aware that Year 10 students were due to go on work experience on Monday 6th July for 1 week. Many students have been successful in securing a wide range of interesting placements, and the school had devised an exciting and comprehensive alternative programme of work-related activities for the few students who had been unable to secure placements.

However, in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis and current school closures we have decided to cancel Year 10 work experience and all related activities this year.

This decision has been made considering the following factors:

Safeguarding our students is paramount. It is unclear at the present time how long school closure will continue and we need to follow government advice concerning social distancing.

There have been several employers who have contacted the school to cancel placements. Big employers like the NHS have been doing this on mass.

The likelihood is, as we get nearer to the date, even if schools have re-opened that more employers will follow suit, and there would not be time for students to secure new placements.

This decision to cancel Year 10 work experience has not been taken lightly, and we are sure that parents and carers will understand the context and reasons behind decision.

We will contact all employers but as a courtesy we would encourage students to email placements directly to thank them for their offer and to explain about the changes in circumstance.

Thank you for your understanding

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