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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Work Experience

In Sixth Form we have launched the Globalbridge platform with students, this a fantastic online platform that allows student to create a profile that can be used for any applications they make in the future; including university, apprenticeships or jobs. Effectively, it is an online CV and something that we will be asking them to update regularly. It also allows them to search for work experience opportunities / careers insights and has a wide range of resources providing them with the chance to gain valuable skills and knowledge that will help them when seeking employment. We have asked all students to download the Globalbridge app on their phones, as we will be sending notifications of opportunities they can apply for via the app.

Ordinarily, students would take part in work experience for one week in July; however, with the restrictions imposed by Covid 19, it is unlikely to be possible this year. As a result, we are encouraging students to sign up for a Virtual Work Experience Programme (some students have already taken advantage of this during Remote Learning). There are a number of programmes taking place over the Easter Holidays, which have been communicated to students already and because these are virtual placements it is allowing them the opportunity to gain experience in careers or industries that they may not have had the chance to previously.

Along with Globalbridge, there are two other platforms that we have asked students to check regularly; Speakers for Schools and Springpod. Virtual Work Placements are added to these sites regularly and some of our students have already been successful in securing places (competing with students from around the country on some occasions).

It is essential for students to gain experience or insight into at least one career or industry before they start Year 13, as it will give them a valuable understanding of the workplace in preparation for their transition into adulthood and life outside of Sixth Form. We hope that you will encourage your son / daughter to actively seek a placement for this year and should they not be able to secure a placement, there will be the opportunity for some students to complete their work experience within Sixth Form, during the first week of the Summer Holidays.

If you **do not** consent to your son / daughter taking part in a work placement, either virtually or within Sixth Form, please contact us via *MyEd* or email southmoor6th@southmoormat.co.uk

If you have any questions about Work Experience Placements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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