



# KEY SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

## 2019-2020

### Year 10

Term 1	Event	Date	Time
	Assessment Week	w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> November	All week
	Review Interviews	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> December	All week
	Review Interviews	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> December	All week
Term 2	Event	Date	Time
	Work Experience Deadline	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	
	Assessment Week	w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	All week
Term 3	Event	Date	Time
	Reports to Parents	w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Study time
	Parents' Evening	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	4.30-6.30pm
	Mock Interviews	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> May	During school day
	Work Experience	w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> June	All week
	Trial Exams	w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> June	All week
	Reports to Parents	w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Study Time
	Sixth Form Taster Day/College Taster Day	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	During school day
	Aim Higher evening	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	6-7.30pm

## **Careers and Work Experience**

We provide a range of support from Year 7 onwards to prepare each student to make an informed decision about their next steps. Students from all year groups can expect:

- World of Work Week in March, featuring a Careers Fair and speakers in assembly, lessons and after school
- Chance to hear from employers and other speakers about work, apprenticeships and further and higher education
- Career lessons in study time and Ethics
- After-school careers support every Tuesday (from October onwards), 3-4pm in the Mezzanine where students can work on applications, CVs, search for work experience, find careers information, and get advice and support
- The opportunity to speak to a careers adviser about their plans, as and when required.

In addition, during Year 10, students will take part in:

- Mock interviews (6 & 7 May 2020)
- One week's work experience (29 June – 3 July 2020)
- Taster day at sixth form or college (8 July 2020).

## **Why is work experience important?**

To test out job ideas and learn about the world of work

- To help students find out what they like (and don't like)
- To develop some of the skills needed at work
- To help them stand out and have something to talk about on a CV, application form or at interview

Some students have even found apprenticeships, part-time jobs or other opportunities as a direct result of their work experience or mock interview.

## **Advice on what works**

In our experience, students who get involved in choosing their own placement and who start early have a far greater chance of successfully finding interesting, challenging and varied work experience. We are not the only school to send students out on work experience during the first week in July, so contacting employers early on in the year is essential.

The first step is for your son/daughter to consider where they might like to work and the types of jobs or industries that might interest them. Year 10 students and parents will receive more information on how to find work experience in late September (along with the relevant paperwork), although you can start exploring ideas or making initial enquiries before this date.

## **Asking for help**

Any student needing support can speak to their form tutor initially or contact the Careers Office outside lesson times. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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