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18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 10 Work Experience**

I am writing at the end of term to give some up-date and information with respect to our personal development programme at Colton Hills.

As part of our careers programme, I am informing you that a decision has been made to not run work experience in the way we have done in recent years. This is due to the logistics of not being able to place all students at appropriate work placements and the capacity to health and risk assess those placements that are able to run in the time we have available to us.

To this end we are not wanting to compromise on our offer but enhance this in a creative way so that all students can be fully included as part of their career exploration and management.

The Black Country Careers Hub are working closely with me in support of the change and are looking at several options to include the opportunity for groups of students to visit a place of work and to meet a variety of employers in various roles within one setting. There is also the option to look at virtual placements which may be suitable for some students.

**Next steps.**

Please support me in communicating the above message to your child and any arrangements that have been put in place will need to be cancelled as soon as possible so to allow employers to pick up other students from other schools across the city.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Winward  
Deputy Headteacher