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13th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Y10 Work Experience

I hope that you and your families had a lovely Christmas break and a Happy New Year. It has been really nice welcoming students back last week despite the unusual challenges we have faced. I wanted to provide you with an update on the Y10 Work Experience which is planned for the end of the summer term.

The original deadline set for work experience placements details to be entered onto the NYBEP Econnect app was Friday 10th January 2025. However, as this is the first time that we have had the opportunity to offer work experience for over 15 years we had intentionally set this deadline earlier than needed so that we had the flexibility to extend the deadline if necessary, once we had the full picture of what experience was on offer to our students.

We now know that lots of larger organisations do not plan their work experience placements until the start of a new calendar year and so it is only right that we look to extend the deadline to 31st March 2025.

We have also had feedback from businesses and organisations that they are unsure if they are allowed to offer work placements for school children. This is to be expected given the amount of time since work experience was part of the National Curriculum. The message that we are sharing is that if a company or business has employees then they have all the insurance and permissions they need to offer work experience. Once a placement is offered to your child and the details are uploaded to the app, NYBEP, the company we are partnered with to be able to offer the work placement, will then contact the company or business to ensure that the placement is suitable and all the documentation is in place.

For more information about work experience please follow this link to the school website and scroll to the bottom of the page for useful links [Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy - Careers Information & Guidance](#). Please note all students have had emails with useful links and documents to their school accounts.

To log onto the NYBEP app please follow this link [Login](#). If students have forgotten passwords please follow the forgotten password link and their username is their school email address.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get real life experience in the working world, further building their soft skills, communication, punctuality and resilience. Please remind students that they are going to experience the working world, not necessarily the job they will do when they leave school, however the experiences gained will be no less valuable.

If you have any questions about a placement, the app or careers in general please contact me at joseph.loxam@sharemat.co.uk.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Loxam'.

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