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Year 10 Lead

I'd like to take this opportunity to say how lovely it is to be back working with Year 10, and to let you know that it is a priority for the Year 10 Team, to encourage your children to be the very best versions of themselves.

Year 9 saw an unprecedented start to their GCSE studies, and it is only by working in collaboration with you that we can support each child to be as successful as possible in terms of the qualities, standards and skills that we would like them to develop as they continue on their flight path to their future. Having worked at North Leamington School for 26 years, and as a Pastoral Lead for 12 of those years, I have been privileged to watch so many students thrive with the right support and direction from both home and school. We know that this collaborative approach is crucial to enabling our young people to make the right choices, as they develop a strong moral compass so that they can interact with others in a positive way, as well as make informed decisions that will pave their way to a successful career.

CEIAG (Careers Education and Independent Advice and Guidance) and Work Experience

Last year 88 students managed to undertake a successful work experience placement, despite COVID restrictions, with the remainder of the students undertaking an alternative opportunity through an external provider.

We have launched work experience to current Y10s through an assembly where we were lucky enough to have an external speaker from the local business Pink Connect. Joe, an apprentice, spoke passionately about his work experience placement at Pink Connect when he was 16, and how this led to him securing his current apprenticeship.

We know from employers that work experience plays an invaluable part in allowing students to demonstrate the qualities, standards and skills that they are looking for. Students have had a tutor session where they have received their work experience booklet and discussed the advice and guidance on how to go about securing a placement that it provides. Parents and carers can play a vital role in supporting this process.

The first document that the Careers Team require is the purple consent form signed to give parent/carer permission for their child to undertake a work experience placement. This is due to be returned to the Careers Office C044 by **12 October 2021**. Students cannot undertake a work experience placement if this is not completed and returned. As you can imagine the processing of 237 forms is time consuming and this is the reason for the timescale indicated.

The blue placement form will be handed out to students just before half term. This confirms the details of the placement that your child has secured and must be returned by **14 October 2021**. We have provided a large window during this term to ensure that the work students need to put in to secure the placement has minimal impact on their other school commitments.

If you have any questions or require further information then please don't hesitate to contact the Careers Team via careers@northleamington.co.uk.

Message for Y10 Drama students

The deadline has been extended from Friday 8 October until **Friday 29 October** for payments for the theatre visit to see the performance of 'Blood Brothers' at the Birmingham Hippodrome on Thursday 4 November 2021. This trip will prepare students for their GCSE Component 3 'Theatre Makers in Practice' examination which is worth 40% of their GCSE; consequently we strongly advise that they attend.

The coach will depart from NLS at 11.20am. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them or purchase their lunch from the canteen at break time. Students entitled to a free school meal can also collect their lunch at break time. We will confirm nearer the time when we expect to return. Students will be wearing their school uniforms on this trip as it is in school time. **Students will need to make the necessary arrangements to be collected from school.**

Places have been booked for all Y10 Drama students to attend and the cost of the trip is £27.00. Payment and permission is required via the online ParentPay system (www.parentpay.com), using a credit or debit card. If you have any queries regarding the use of Parent Pay, please contact Polly Stone, Finance Manager, on 01926 338711 ext. 8437, or email her at PStone@northleamington.co.uk. Refunds will not be possible if your child is unable to attend on the day. Please make your payment via ParentPay **by Friday 29 October 2021**.

Kind Regards,



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