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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about two changes that are occurring in relation to our current Year 10 students.

Firstly, the Academy has made the decision not to run work experience for Year 10 students during the school term. We have made this decision based on feedback from students and employers who have been involved in the process over the last two years and we believe that time could be better invested in more targeted careers-related activities. For example, this year we will hold a range of employer engagement events such as industry specific career panels, employer presentations and an in-house careers fair which all students will be able to access.

As all students are now required to remain in education or training until they are 18 years old, it is felt that work experience will have a greater impact for students once they reach Year 12 and are considering their higher education and career options in more detail. All students studying at The Glassworks will therefore have the opportunity to participate in work experience during Year 12; this is also a requirement for any students who choose to study at college post-16.

We actively encourage any student who is keen to gain work experience and will support them in making arrangements for placements during school holidays.

If you have any questions relating to this please contact Katy Tibbles (Careers Coordinator) either by telephone or email – katy.tibbles@folkestoneacademy.com.

Secondly, we have taken the decision that from September, Year 11 students will continue to wear the Academy uniform instead of smart business dress. This will help us to maintain the high standards of presentation we expect and remove the difficulty in finding suitable clothing.

Can I also remind you that Mr Carroll and I are running coffee mornings for parents every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 09:00am. If you would like to attend then please contact Reception who will book you in.

Yours faithfully

Colin Boxall
Interim Principal