

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As your son/daughter begins to think about their Post 18 Options they may decide that they would like to complete a work experience placement to help them with their decision making.

Work experience can be a valuable activity to undertake, and we look to support students who wish to do so. Ideally, we would ask that such placements are undertaken during school holidays, but if this is not possible, we can look to authorise absence from school. Each request will be looked at on an individual basis and attendance, behaviour and academic progress will be considered when approving time away from school.

Students may have friends/family who can offer work experience, or they might like to look at the websites of organisations we have partnered with who offer a range of virtual and face to face opportunities with various companies.

Some to look at are:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/>

<https://www.springpod.com/>

<https://investin.org/>

It may also be possible to gain work experience simply by contacting companies directly and asking the question!

Whilst writing, I would also like to draw your attention to National Apprenticeship week which takes place 5-11 February. There are a huge number of events, both face to face and online being held to celebrate apprenticeships and this may be a good time for you and your son/daughter to have a look at the range of apprenticeships available. Of specific interest may be the higher and degree level apprenticeships that are offered by an increasing number of companies.

The link below gives more information about apprenticeships.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians>

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with me by email ceh@shsb.org.uk

Yours Sincerely

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