



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

*"creating opportunities for success"*

4 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 12 Work Experience – 11-17 July 2024

At Newstead Wood School, we support students to develop the necessary skills, experience and knowledge to make informed decisions about their future career paths.

Careers and Cultural Arts Week runs from **Thursday 11 July – Wednesday 17 July 2024** (5 days) and during this period we ask that all Year 12 students participate in a work experience placement which they are expected to arrange themselves, ideally in a relevant environment in which they plan to work or study.

Work Experience is essential for several reasons:

- it is hugely valuable in terms of adding substance to a student's CV or UCAS personal statement
- it provides a fantastic opportunity for students to test out a career path
- it helps to develop soft skills such as teamwork, communication and problem-solving
- it introduces students to the world of work

In the past we have found that students flourish and that their confidence and independence is boosted.

Students last year secured a range of work experience opportunities including Parliament, hospitals, GP practices, local primary schools, law firms, finance and architect practices to name but a few.

School will provide support for students by offering lectures such as a session on LinkedIn, as well as numerous opportunities through which they can make contacts. Occasionally we are informed about work experience placements that we can offer to students, however, most students will need to source their own placements.

Once they have secured a placement, students will need to fill in the details on the 'placements' area of their Unifrog account. This ensures that all information and consent is completed.

Securing work experience can be competitive as many schools run their work experience during the summer after exams – we suggest therefore that students start to look for relevant opportunities **as soon as possible**. Please note that students received an email on 20 December, notifying them of the work experience dates this summer.

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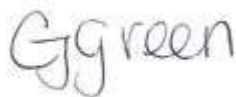
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Green". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

**Mrs C Green**  
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