



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT
Headteacher: Mrs M Mincher, Bsc, NPQH

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Friday, 20th October, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

In addition to the Year 12 programme of study, all students will be taking part in work experience. A work placement is a mandatory requirement of 16-19 study, in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks (a key part of the government's Careers Strategy). This includes work experience to give young people the opportunity to develop their career choices and to apply their skills in real working conditions. As part of our commitment to preparing students for the world of work and university applications, all Year 12 students will undertake a period of work experience from Monday 1st to Friday 5th July 2024.

In preparation for this, students will be introduced to Unifrog. Unifrog is a user-friendly, universal destinations platform and is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for everyone. Each student has their own account where they can explore all the career and next step options available to them and find information on everything from managing their workload to writing a winning CV. Students have access to a wide variety of video and written content, and interactive quizzes and tests. Students access the platform for the first time using a sign-up code, which is unique to their form group. They will sign in to Unifrog using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone. We encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

Students will have access to placement names on Unifrog, which have been attended by previous students at Kingsmead. Students are welcome to find their own placement if they have a specific one in mind and we encourage all students to link their placement to their future university course/career/future after Kingsmead. They are also encouraged to work with the careers staff to support them to find a placement. The work placement should not be used as a week to go to work.

All Year 12 students will receive assemblies to explain the process of finding a suitable placement and completing the paperwork and placement booklet that will be given to them. The placement booklet is a mandatory part of work experience and should be treated as a piece of work. There will be deadlines for completing the paperwork for the chosen placement and these will be communicated to you in due course. The booklets will be monitored so we can keep track of progress. Students will receive support from the Assistant Director of Sixth Form, Mrs. Watton, Miss Buczynskyj and their Form Tutor. Please be aware that Year 12 students from other schools and colleges will be on placement at the same time, so researching placements early will result in the best placement secured. After placement, students will have a meeting with Miss Buczynskyj to discuss their experience, including advantages and disadvantages of the process.



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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working with our students to secure the best possible placement.

Yours faithfully,

E Buczynskyj