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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Work Experience – Help Needed

This Summer Term, all Year 10 students will undertake work experience placements from Monday 10 July - Friday 21 July 2023. I write to ask working parents/carers from **all year groups** to assist the school with identifying appropriate work experience placements for Year 10.

The current economic climate and the knock-on impact of COVID has meant that, so far, opportunities for our students have proved few and far between. This is a genuine call for help and support.

A number of things happens with work experience: first, students enjoy the placement and, as a result, become more focused in their academic studies when they return to school; second, students dislike their placement, so much so that they work harder at school so as to not end up in that type of job and; third, employers gain a valuable insight into young people - their views, interests and values - a group so misrepresented on television and on social media. Some employers even use the young people as a focus group for their product/service. From a school perspective, it is a win-win situation.

Some parents/carers may be self-employed or already work in establishments which accept school work placements. If this is the case, or you can offer one or more place, then I would greatly appreciate if you could contact Jayne Spink: jspink@isleworthsyon.org. This could be either a ten-day placement or a five-day placement.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Yours faithfully,



Simon Fisher
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