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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 10 Work Shadowing Day - Wednesday 13 March 2019**

As part of your son/daughter's Careers programme, a day of work shadowing is being made available on Wednesday 13 March 2019 for students in Year 10. Work Shadowing is an opportunity for students to go to work for the day with a parent/carer, family friend or contact, and get a real life insight in to the world of work.

The job they work shadow can be anything from window cleaning to accountancy, broadcasting to police work, catering to working with animals, it does not matter. The object of the event is for students to get to grips with real business schedules and observe a range of real business tasks.

It is important for students to be aware of lifestyles away from the classroom in order that they can see their learning in a broader context. Work shadowing encourages students to appreciate the distance people travel to work, the inter-relationships formed in a business environment, the variety of skills that a job requires and how technology is applied. The project is flexible so you can nominate a family member, colleague or friend who is able to take your child to work with them. If your child has a real desire to experience a specific profession and has access to someone who works in this field, this flexibility can provide them with an opportunity to twist an arm to see if it can be arranged!

Safety is paramount. Work Shadowing Day is about observation and questioning, about experiencing the environment of the work place and absorbing the activities that will be going on. It is not about your son/daughter actually doing the work.

After the event students will have the opportunity to share their experiences and be able to draw on their learning as they progress through Key Stage 4, and begin to think about their next steps.

If you have any questions please contact me and I'll be happy to talk to you about the event. To make this day a success your support will be invaluable!

Yours sincerely

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Careers Coordinator