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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 8 Work Shadowing Day - Wednesday 11 March 2020**

As part of our Careers programme, a day is being made available to students in Year 8 for work shadowing. 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 into the world of work. This will take place on Wednesday 11 March 2020.

The job they work shadow can be anything from window cleaning to accountancy, broadcasting to police work, catering to working with animals; it can be a home office or a London office, 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 activity.

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 you are unable to do so. 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 workplace 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 3, and begin to think about their next steps.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to talk to you about the event. Your support will be invaluable in making this day a success.

Yours sincerely

David Ritchie  
Careers Coordinator