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Dear Parent/Carer

It is very pleasing to report how impressed we have been with the way our Year 12 cohort have settled into sixth form education. We have received many reports of a positive and focussed start to their studies and we look forward to both further supporting and challenging students in the coming months.

As I'm sure you know, an integral part of the Year 12 programme of study is participation in a Work Placement. In our experience, the successful completion of a placement which both reflects a student's prior attainment and which is linked to their future aspirations, significantly assists them in their future progression. It is considered that a placement with an employer in an external environment has the greatest impact on students' future employability.

This year, Year 12 students will complete a Work Placement from Monday 8 July until Friday 12 July. In September, in an attempt to support students, they were given a deadline of the end of January to secure an appropriate placement, thereby removing this task ahead of their mid-year and final end of year examinations. I am delighted to note that a number of students have already secured a work placement, if that is the case, can I thank you for your efforts.

Students have been provided with access to a local database of possible providers but are also able to discuss possible placements with their Personal Tutor or Learning for Life tutor. With this is mind, I would be very grateful for your support in discussing this with your child. Please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Mrs Quinn or myself if you have any queries relating to this.

Yours sincerely

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