



much more than just a school



4 October 2024

Year 10 Parents Evening 9 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you into school on 9 October 2024 between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. I would like to gather the year 10 students, parents and carers to go over the importance of GCSE's and introduce Work Experience. It is crucial that you attend this evening so I can share how we can support our students and your children in being successful. I will speak about the importance of attendance, revision, study hall and more. Additionally, it is an opportunity to get some more valuable information about how Work Experience operates and how we can all support students.

Students will be taking part in Work Experience from 24 June 2025 - 5 July 2025. Lots of students have already started applying for their placements and tutors are supporting them in this process. Every student will be expected to take part in this and are responsible for organising their own placement. We have invited EBP to come in to discuss what Work Experience is all about so that you have all the tools necessary to support your child.

As students approach the important transition from school to the workforce, gaining practical experience becomes increasingly vital. It allows students to explore potential career paths, develop essential skills, and build a network that can benefit them in the future.

Work experience fosters skill development. Students learn not only technical skills relevant to specific industries but also skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. These competencies are invaluable in today's job market and will serve them well regardless of the paths they choose.

Secondly, exposure to a professional environment helps students gain insight into various careers. Many young people are uncertain about their future after school. Work placements enable them to discover their interests, strengths, and weaknesses in a practical setting, guiding them in making informed decisions about further education or vocational training.

Finally, the connections made during work placements can be invaluable. Mentors and colleagues can offer guidance, support, and even job opportunities in the future. Building a professional network at an early stage can open doors that might otherwise remain closed.



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The next two years are so important in the future our students. The school, parents and cares have such an important role to play in ensuring students are successful at GCSE. We must all work together to help these individuals achieve their best and make sure they are ready to take the next step. I, therefore, hope you will join us on 9 October 2024 between the hours of 5.00pm and 6.00pm for vital information that will support our students.

If you have additional question, please email me at: t.penlington@pcs.hants.sch.uk or contact Mr Penlington on Class Charts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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