



Ripon Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Year 10 Work Experience

As you are aware, your daughter/son has the opportunity to take part in work experience during May this year. Work experience is a valuable and important part of the broader education for Year 10 students and for many it is their first experience of the workplace and teaches many valuable work-related skills.

In previous years, work experience has been a compulsory element of the Year 10 curriculum and the costs have been paid for by the school. However, due to increasing financial pressures, Year 10 work experience will no longer be compulsory but instead will be optional with parents contributing to the cost of placement checks. The school employs the services of the North Yorkshire Business and Education Partnership (NYBEP) to carry out the necessary health and safety and safeguarding checks to ensure students are safe in the workplace, the cost of which is £32 per student.

We hope that the large majority of students will continue to take part in the work experience programme, the charge for which will appear on ParentPay and should be paid for by 1 March. Pupil Premium students will continue to be funded by the school.

If you do not wish your child to participate in work experience or you have any other queries, please contact Mr Walker, Head of Careers, at walkerb@ripongrammar.com, before 1 March. Please note that those students not on work experience will still be required to attend school during that week.

Kind regards

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