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Dear Year 10 Students, Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and adjusting to the very different circumstances we find ourselves in. We wanted to update you on work experience because I am sure many of you will have wondered what is happening. Currently EPB, the organisation who arrange Work Experience have not yet cancelled our week. This is due to be reviewed prior to May half term and we will notify you of any decisions as soon as possible. Obviously, the situation regarding lockdown, social distancing, when schools and indeed businesses can reopen, is very much an evolving picture. However, even if things are back up and running by June, many business and organisations will have been through very challenging circumstances so the additional pressure of work experience placements may not be possible.

If during this period away from school you are thinking about Post 16 choices, career pathways, apprenticeships and higher education I strongly recommend taking a look at our careers area on SharePoint <https://testbourne.sharepoint.com/sites/careers> There is a whole host of resources including a very helpful careers quiz, gap years, college interview preparation and tips for personal statements. It is a great opportunity to look at the websites of local colleges and get a flavour of the courses they run.

As soon as we receive any further information from EPB we will update you. Similarly, as QMC, Sparsholt, Andover, Peter Symonds, BCOT get in touch about Post 16 courses we will pass details to you. If you have any further questions about work experience, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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