

Lincoln Castle Academy



18th March 2020

Yr 12 Work Experience Cancelled

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that Year 12 students were due to go on work experience week commencing 22nd June 2020.

It is with regret, that we have decided that the Year 12 work experience programme is cancelled for this year. As work experience is a mandatory part of the programme of study in the 6th form, we will be ensuring this takes place next academic year when students are in Year 13, thereby ensuring our fulfilment of this statutory duty.

Whilst many students have been successful in securing a wide range of interesting placements, and we recognise the value of the work experience programme, we feel as a school that it would be irresponsible to be preparing and sending our students out into work placements at this stage, in light of the current circumstances and public health guidance relating to COVID-19. We appreciate this will be disappointing and the decision to cancel has not been made without serious consideration.

The decision has been made taking into account the following factors:

- 1) There have been a number of employers who have contacted school to cancel placements. Big employers such as the NHS have been doing this en masse.
- 2) The likelihood is, as the weeks progress, more employers will follow suit.
- 3) The Education Business Partnership have announced that many businesses are unable to receive Health and Safety visits, an essential element of the safety measures required for young people to attend work placements.
- 4) Many businesses are facing numerous challenges at this time and are unable to support non-essential activities such as work experience placements as they would have ordinarily liked.

Where Yr 12 Foundation students are already participating in extended placements, these may only continue in accordance with safety guidelines and directions as communicated by the employer.

This decision to cancel Year 12 work experience has not been taken lightly and we are sure that parents and carers will understand the context and reasons behind this decision. All placement providers will be informed.

If any parent or carer would like to discuss this decision, please feel free to contact me via email LS@LincolnCastleAcademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Seddon

Careers Leader