



Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you in regards to the week's Work Experience programme that we are due to undertake in May 2022.

Unfortunately, it is with regret that I am having to write to cancel the work experience week. We appreciate greatly the time and effort that the students have put into trying to source work experience placements and it has been a great pleasure to see them engaging with local businesses and attempting to source a vital week's work experience. I also want to credit the staff at Heron Hall and the parents who I know have also worked tirelessly to try and source placements for our students.

However, as a year group we have not yet managed to find places for one third of the students and with only 6 school weeks left until the work experience week we do not believe that we will be able to source enough placements to send the entire year group out. It is clear that COVID-19 is still having an impact on businesses and organisations and they are unwilling, or unable, to take on a student for work experience. It is therefore with great regret that I need to inform you that we cannot take out some of the students while leaving others in the school.

I am again very sorry that we have had to make this decision but having spoken to other schools in the local area they have also found it difficult this year and many have had to cancel their work experience or did not even attempt to go out.

If your child has sourced a placement and wishes to take up this placement at another point we would ask that you try to move the placement until the week of the Half Term as this will provide a close opportunity to the original dates to undertake the experience. We are also looking at other opportunities that we can undertake that week for students to be able to offer them other work based experiences.

We hope that as your child stays with us at Heron Hall we will find other opportunities to conduct work experience – including potentially in Year 12 when they attend the new Sixth Form at Heron Hall.

Kind regards,

Arthur Barzey
Head Teacher