

To: Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Year 11 Employer Led Programme 2020

I am writing to inform you about an exciting and unique programme that will be running once again at South Hunsley Sixth Form College from September 2020.

Students in Year 11 will be given the opportunity to apply for a place on our **Employer Led Programme** which runs alongside our Post-16 courses. The enrichment programme aims to put employability skills development at the heart of the curriculum so that students not only leave us with excellent academic qualifications but also the skills and qualities needed to succeed as a university graduate or higher level apprentice in the future. There will be no examinations for this programme and it will be suitable for those looking to apply for a Higher Level Apprenticeship after Sixth Form or for those looking to enrich their personal statements for university with examples of employability skills development and employer encounters.

The programme will have two options; the first will be **The Apprenticeship Preparation Programme** which will suit any student looking for an Advanced, Higher or Degree Level Apprenticeship after college. This unique programme could allow students to:

- Complete an Employability Skills Development Course with Inspire Ignite and Airco who run courses for large organisations around the country
- Take part in our Industry Mentoring Experience which will enable students to work with someone from industry when making their applications in year 2
- Complete a work placement in industry
- Take part in a VYPER volunteering scheme
- Attend work place visits and tours
- Listen to careers talks from various employers and apprentices
- Benefit from one-to-one careers appointments and workshops to boost CVs and applications

The second option on this Employer Led Pathway will be **The Graduate Preparation Programme** which will suit any student wishing to apply for a degree course after college. Students on this programme will:

- Complete the EPQ ( Extended Project Qualification) which will enable students to practise dissertation writing skills 3 years in advance (\*optional course)
- Complete an Employability Skills Development Programme with Inspire Ignite and Airco to enhance the skills needed for graduate positions after university
- Take part in the Industry Mentoring Experience in year 2
- Complete a work placement in industry
- Take part in a VYPER volunteering scheme
- Attend UCAS personal statement writing courses
- Attend university and employer preparation talks and workshops
- Benefit from one-to-one appointments to work on their UCAS applications

You can find the Employer Led Programme outline on pages 20-23 of our online prospectus [https://issuu.com/southhunsleyschool/docs/south\\_hunsley\\_sixth\\_form\\_prospectus\\_2020-21\\_web\\_ve](https://issuu.com/southhunsleyschool/docs/south_hunsley_sixth_form_prospectus_2020-21_web_ve)

We also have an exciting **Teaching Employer-Led programme** launching for those students interested in exploring or pursuing a career in teaching. This programme will be Hull and East Riding's first **Teacher Preparation Programme** for sixth form students considering this career path and will enable them to find out more about the profession. Those who are selected for a place will be given the opportunity to complete three teaching masterclasses, visit a school and observe a lesson and work with our charity school in Kenya to develop teaching resources for their teachers. I have sent a leaflet to provide you with more information about this new programme.

Yours faithfully



Sarah Barley  
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