

March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The aim of Work and Community Placement (WCP) is to provide students with a deeper understanding of the workplace and practical hands-on experience of the working world. It is a wonderful opportunity to try new areas, develop new skills, challenge perceptions and make very useful contacts for future endeavours.

We require students to seek a position for a full day every Monday during the school term and two block placements of one week each in duration. This year, Monday work placement runs from **7th September- 24th May 2021 inclusive**. Block placement dates run between **14th - 18th December 2020** and **22nd-26th March 2021**.

We encourage all students to try different placements for each block period. As a school, we pride ourselves on nurturing global citizens and we would encourage all students to complete volunteer work in a charity organisation and/or social enterprise initiatives where possible.

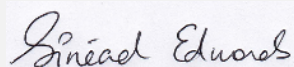
We would like to assure you that all students will be fully covered by the school insurance for all hours of placement. All work experience is on a voluntary basis and should not involve payment.

Students may need to be Garda vetted for positions working with children or vulnerable persons. Please be aware that this process can only start once a student is 16 years old and takes approximately 3 weeks to complete.

It is the responsibility of the student to seek appropriate placement as this is part of the learning process. All parents must be satisfied with the environment in which placement(s) will take place for their son or daughter. The school does not carry out off site inspections on working conditions or personnel, or vet employers.

All Work and Community Placement documents are available for download under the TY section of the school website. Please read a copy of the WCP guidelines at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,



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