



FH/tsVWEX  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear all

Over the last few weeks we have been sending out different offers of virtual work experience (VWEX) to students via their school emails and it has been great to see some of the students accessing these opportunities. Since next week would have been the official year 10 work experience week we thought it would be an ideal opportunity to organise a virtual employer event which could be accessed by all students in year 10 and 12, to highlight the value of employer contact despite missing out on their actual week in work.

The event is being organised by Inspiring The Future <https://www.inspiringthefuture.org/> and will involve a 40 minute webinar for students to hear about the career stories of three employers and interact with their own questions as part of the activity. The event will be on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** at 2.00pm and will last approximately 40 minutes. Students will be sent a link for the webinar in the morning via their school email and can access the event directly. It will be introduced by myself and is only open to St John's students. The event will be streamed through GoToWebinar and student visuals and sounds will be automatically muted.

We would be really keen for all year 10 students to access this webinar on Tuesday since it is a unique opportunity to interact with employers outside family and friends, which has been limited through the lockdown measures. I would ask that students try to think about any questions they can ask in the chat facility that might be helpful for them – the employers will be from a variety of backgrounds and industries. In addition, I will continue to send out VWEX and career information through student emails. Please be assured that all VWEX is voluntary as it is appreciated that students are still being asked to try to complete their curriculum studies around other activities.

Kind regards

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