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St Margaret's Church of England Academy

"Achievement by faith and work"

Principal: Mr S Brierley MA NPQH

Dear Parents/Carers

Work Inspiration programme

I am sure many of you may recall spending a week or a fortnight on 'Work Experience' when you yourselves were at school. Although I myself never benefitted from Work Experience when I was a teenager, as a teacher I have seen the significant benefits that such programmes bring: they show pupils first-hand what the world of work is like; they can inspire pupils to pursue particular career paths; and they can develop pupils' confidence, 'people'-skills, and self-esteem.

Sadly, many schools across the country now no longer offer a 'Work Experience' programme. St Margaret's has continued the programme for Sixth Form students, but there has been no Work Experience programme for Key Stage 4 pupils – until now!

Last year we developed a new model for Work Experience for our current Year 10 pupils. Through our 'Work Inspiration' programme, we would like to offer pupils a longer-term placement in a workplace – an afternoon every week for a period of several months, rather than a continuous block of a week or a fortnight. We believe this will enable pupils to experience the world of work more deeply, and that the impact will therefore be longer-lasting.

The programme is not compulsory, but a large number of pupils have signed up already. And we have so far secured a number of placements for them to choose from. I am writing to you now because I am keen to secure more work placements for the programme – the more we have, the greater the choice for the boys who have signed up. **Would your workplace be willing to accommodate a Year 10 St Margaret's pupil every term-time Thursday afternoon from February through to July?** If so, we would love to hear from you!

Our innovative Work Inspiration programme is being overseen by Liverpool Compact; they will undertake all the necessary Health and Safety visits prior to any student going to the workplace, for instance. The boys themselves are being fully briefed in advance of their placements too.

If you are able to help us, or if you would simply like to find out more, please do not hesitate to e-mail me (scbrierley@stmargaretsacademy.com), or Greg McLean, our Careers Manager (gmclean@stmargaretsacademy.com). Alternatively, please complete the reply-slip below and return it to school.

Please don't delay – we're keen to get as many workplaces signed up as we can. We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Brierley
Principal

To: Mr G McLean, Careers Manager

Yes! I am interested in finding out more about offering a Work Inspiration placement for a St Margaret's student. Please contact me so we can talk about it further.

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

