



The Kings of Wessex Academy

Getting the best out of everyone

May 2018

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

Year 10 STEM Skills Conference – Tuesday 15 May 2018

All Y10 students will be involved in an introduction to 'work skills' on Tuesday 15 May, to prepare for work experience and to understand more about the skills valued by employers. Feedback from previous years indicates that the vast majority of students find the programme enjoyable and a great opportunity to develop and test skills valued in the workplace. This year it is "STEM" (science, technology, engineering and maths) skills in particular since we are fortunate to be part of Generation STEM, a national project promoting STEM careers.

A number of individuals, companies and other organisations from the local area will be coming in to the academy to deliver the planned activities (Graphic Science, Airbus, Lloyds, Thatchers, Highways England, TSB, SciSys, the Somerset Rural Youth Project, the RAF and the Royal Marines). The programme will run throughout the day and will give each tutor group the opportunity to develop communication, problem solving, team work and commercial awareness skills. All activities will be held within school and normal lunchtime arrangements will apply.

As always, good behaviour and concentration is expected. Students are required to wear normal school uniform and activities with the armed forces/SRYP will be outside unless we have heavy rain, so please bring trainers and a waterproof. Girls should wear school trousers, or wear PE shorts under their school skirts, for these sessions, please. Do also bring a water bottle and sunscreen.

Please also remember that students will be involved in work experience from Monday 25-29 June. All forms should now have been handed in and I will be in touch by letter to confirm individual placements over the next few weeks.

Do enjoy the STEM Skills Conference and look forward to your work experience placement. They both represent very valuable opportunities for self-development so please make sure you engage fully with all activities to get the most out of both experiences.

Yours faithfully,

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