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## Dear Parents and Carers

We're excited to let you know that we are going to holding a range of Virtual Work Inspiration activities during the Summer Term 2021. This programme will support Year 10 students to prepare them for their next step in life, whether they decide to move into the world of work, or onto university.

The programme has been developed with our partners at Suffolk County Council, New Anglia Enterprise Adviser Network, Take Your Place as well as a range of local employers, colleges and universities. All these organisations are really keen to see young people in Suffolk develop their skills to realise their aspirations and take advantage of the many opportunities in Suffolk and beyond. You can see the draft programme below.

The programme will be delivered through a mixture of live online broadcasts, virtual group sessions and off-line follow up activities. We want every student to have access to this programme.

The programme has been arranged so that in case of any further lockdowns, it can still be delivered remotely. With this in mind, the Speakers for Schools platform that we will be using will provide your son or daughter with a temporary and anonymous login via their school email. This would only be accessed during any lockdown and deleted straight afterwards.

However, we will not be sharing student details with any of the partners or employers who are delivering the content. Interaction with employers and other organisations will be mediated with a member of school staff or a partner member who has been DBS checked. Students will not be involved in any one to one discussions and we will not be providing personal contact details with anyone outside the school. We think this will be a fantastic opportunity to develop their understanding of the employability skills they need, and the careers and pathways open to them.

To make sure they get the best out of this opportunity, we would recommend that you ask your child about the experience and activities they have been involved in by checking out the school calendar:

<https://www.stowhigh.com/parents/calendar/>

Your feedback would be appreciated and we will be sending out a short survey at the end of the programme.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Careers Coordinator Mrs Mylrea on [m.mylrea@stowhigh.com](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com)

Kind regards

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## Virtual Work Inspiration for Suffolk 2021 | April – July 2021

*Virtual Work Inspiration for Suffolk (VWIS) 2021* is an exciting opportunity for young people in Suffolk to have a rich and informative experience to help raise aspirations, equip them with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and broaden their understanding of the local jobs market and pathways.

We are working with over 200 employers and educationalists to support VWIS. Employers will be encouraged to support the programme with a range of staff – from senior staff to graduates, Apprentices, interns and Kickstart placements - that will enable both employees and students develop their confidence and communication skills. The programme will run throughout the Summer term and be a mixture of online and offline activities and reach over 300 students. The programme supports schools to achieve the Gatsby Benchmarks (2,4,5 & 7) and ensures their pupils receive meaningful encounters with the world of work.

The programme is organised by three local strategic partners to deliver maximum impact and value to students whilst giving flexibility for timetable scheduling at no cost to employers or the schools.

For more information and to join us please contact:

### • Programme Summary

<b>THEME 1</b> April/May 2021	<b>Exploring opportunities</b>	Keynote inspirational session, supported by sector-based activities in small online sessions and class-room research.
<b>THEME 2</b> May/June 2021	<b>Understanding the key skills Suffolk employers need</b>	Keynote inspirational session, supported by activities in small online sessions and class-room research.
<b>THEME 3</b> June 2021	<b>Enterprise and Entrepreneurship</b>	Keynote inspirational session, supported by activities in small online sessions and class-room project.
<b>THEME 4</b> June/July 2021	<b>Pathways to Success</b>	Keynote inspirational session, supported by sector-based activities in small online sessions and individual research.
<b>THEME 5</b> July 2021	<b>Resilience and interview techniques</b>	Keynote inspirational session, supported by sector-based activities in small online sessions and mock interviews
<b>July 2021</b>	<b>Celebration Event</b>	Virtual celebration and certificates of achievement