

Ravens Wood School, Oakley Road, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8HP Telephone: 01689 856050 Facsimile: 01689 869948 E-Mail: office@rws.uk.net Web: www.ravenswood.bromley.sch.uk

7th March 2025 JLE/lt

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 'Work Shadowing Programme' - Friday 11th July 2025

All secondary schools are expected to work towards achieving Gatsby Benchmarks with relation to careers advice and guidance. (<u>Gatsby Benchmarks | The Careers and Enterprise Company</u>).

The Year 9 'Work Shadowing Programme' is a day where all students in Year 9 are expected to go to work with a family member or another trusted adult. We see this as a valuable personal development opportunity for the students and an excellent introduction to the Work-Related Learning and Enterprise Curriculum. This year's Work Shadowing Day will be on **Friday 11**th **July**.

We kindly ask that you discuss and work with your child to agree what they might do on the day. Students can undertake tasks that would be given to a junior employee and can 'shadow' other workers. As the placement is only for a day, the student can be classed as a 'visitor' to the workplace to observe and take part in working practices that they would not normally come into contact with on a regular school day.

Students will be given a handbook to complete during their day, which will need to be handed into their tutor upon their return to school. A small prize will be awarded to the best overall completed handbook. All students who return their completed handbook will receive a certificate.

If you would like to discuss the 'Work Shadowing Programme' further, or, if you have any concerns relating to the suitability of your work place, <u>please email Mrs Borley (lbo@rws.uk.net).</u>

Once a place has been agreed, the Parent Consent Form should be completed via an online Microsoft Form by clicking here. This should be completed as soon as possible but **no later than 25**th **April 2024.**

Students will receive more information about this in their Head of Year assembly next Friday.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Lewis Head of Year 9 Mrs L Borley Careers Officer