



# HEDINGHAM SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

ACHIEVEMENT & EXCELLENCE

7 May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 12 Enterprise Challenge Week - Monday 15 July to Thursday 18 July 2019

This letter is to inform you about a four-day compulsory event which is for all Year 12 students.

Enterprise Challenge allows students to extend skills that are useful in the real business world. It is an intensive pre-management programme preparing students for responsibility at work. Managers from many local businesses are joining us for this event and will be sharing their expertise to give a real insight into the way that decision making impacts on a business. Businesses also rely on effective team work. Students will work in teams throughout the event, developing a wide range of skills especially those in leadership and communication.

Taking part in this event is valuable in providing evidence as part of the application process for university, college or employment. Each year students have been able to widen and develop their personal statement or application letter using examples from the programme. In previous years, some students have been able to confirm their career pathways through taking part; others have made links with local businesses that have resulted in job opportunities.

Each team of about seven students will work closely with one of our local businesses. This will involve going out to the business during the morning of Tuesday 17 July, accompanied by a member of staff. Please would you sign and return the permission slip for this, which is at the bottom of this letter. The business managers will be coming in to school at other times throughout the event to support the students. This is towards the end of their working day, and so on two of the days there will be a later finish than usual.

The times are as follows:

Day	Start time	Finish time
Monday 15 July	8.45 am	3.15 pm
Tuesday 16 July	8.45 am	5.30 pm
Wednesday 17 July	8.45 am	5.30 pm
Thursday 18 July	8.45 am	3.15 pm

**If students have work commitments after school on the Tuesday and/or Wednesday, this forward notice gives a chance for them to alter their shifts, otherwise they would not be getting the full benefit of the course.** Missing part of the event would be detrimental to their team's achievements.

In addition, all students will need to make arrangements for getting transport home on Tuesday 17 July and Wednesday 18 July. Their usual transport arrangement should apply on Monday and Thursday.

Throughout the event, students should wear business dress. This would be smart trousers, shirt, tie and a jacket for the boys. If the weather is very warm, then boys may choose not to wear the jacket. The girls will also need to dress smartly. Their shoulders should be covered and there should certainly be no flip flops!

There is no cost to the students to take part in Enterprise Challenge. The transport costs to the businesses will be paid by the school. Lunches will be provided, too and there will also be refreshments served during each day.

PLEASE REPLY ALL SLIPS AND MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS BY 31 MAY 2019

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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