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GRADE 10 WORK SHADOW PROGRAMME

Grade 10 Parent / Guardian

We would like to encourage you to support your child's involvement in the Work Shadow Programme of our school. This is part of the subject Life Orientation.

The work shadow will take place from the 17-21.10.2022

The Programme provides each Grade 10 learner with an opportunity to observe a career/ occupation of their choice. With the considerable pressure on young people nowadays to make long term educational choices at secondary and tertiary level, it is crucial to access as much information as possible to make an informed decision. Exposure to the working world in its everyday routine affords the student a more realistic understanding of what an occupation may entail.

Ultimately the aim is to explore an occupation "hands-on" with a view to guiding or confirming the learners' choice of post-school / tertiary education path.

Benefits to be accrued from observation include exposure to the working world in general, and firsthand knowledge of the demands of the learners' chosen occupation in particular. The experience may serve to orientate learners to more specific goal-directed attitudes to schoolwork because they are proceeding proactively to a future of choice.

As a school we would **not** like to see learners doing their work shadow in the family business. It is important for the learner to also be exposed to other working environments than that of his/her own family. We ask you as parents to cooperate with us.

Learners may also under no circumstances do their work shadow at our school as this might cause conflicts of interests.

The work shadow process will involve the following steps:

Step 1: each learner should make a decision regarding the career field they may be interested in (e.g. law, medicine, business). It is important that they talk this through with you, their parents.

Step 2: the learner then needs to decide on a particular Business/Workplace for possible work shadow placement.

Step 3: the learner, with support from their parents, should make telephonic contact with the Business / Workplace of his/her choice within this particular field in order to check if it would be willing to accommodate them as part of their work shadow placement.

Step 4: once the placement is secured, the learner is required to provide details of the **workplace in the consent form**. This should include the name of the company, contact person as well as a telephone number.

Prior to their excursion, learners will be instructed as to professional expectations regarding appropriate dress, behavior, responsibility etc. since the Programme is conducted under the supervision of the school. Evaluation of the experience will continue upon return to school. Learners then have to compile a project on their experience, which has to be presented during class.

In line with the school's policy of developing our learners and preparing them with life skills to cope with the demands of the world beyond the school gates, and in view of the dividends to be accrued from the Work shadow experience, it is important that every Grade 10 student participates.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact me via e-mail.

Thank you. Yours sincerely

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This form must be handed in by 25.07.2022

CONSENT FORM

I, parent of _____ Grade: _____ hereby give my consent for my child to participate in the 2022 Work Shadow Programme of the Deutsche Internationale Schule Kapstadt.

- 1) The projected field of work shadow (please give two options):

- 2) The Business/Workplace that we have chosen to approach:

Name: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____