Dear School and Students,

We hope that you have all had a restful Summer holiday and are very much looking forward to kicking off the new academic year for all your students!

Last year, we were really thrilled to see so many applications coming through from students for Work Experience placements for 2022/23 across both Business and Engineering.

We were able to conduct the placements in person and this really benefited the students' understanding of a real business environment. We have also seen a lot of driven students apply for placements with us which has been wonderful too, and a credit to all the schools in the local community.

Work Experience Placements 2023/2024

We will continue to offer work experience in both Business and Engineering and placements will take place between Monday to Friday.

Given the number of requests we have received this year, we will still be implementing an application procedure, which continues to help us accommodate your students. As such, we would kindly request that all applications for work experience placements in the academic year 2023/2024 are sent to us no later than **Friday 24th November 2023**.

We will then be able to review all applications and confirm preferred dates with you and your students before the Christmas break. Should your allocated work experience week be between September and December, or should your students be allowed to book their own work experience, we will accommodate where we can.

We request that all applicants submit the **Work Experience Application Form** which I have attached to this email (and which is available on our website), alongside a short **Covering Letter** outlining why they wish to do their work experience at Kohler Mira and their interest in the area they have applied for.

This may include projects they have worked on and/or or hobbies/interests inside or outside of school that support their application. Not only is this good practice for the working world that we want to encourage amongst your students, but it helps us to better understand the motivations and interests of those applying so we can look to tailor the experience as best we can. All applications should be sent to <u>earlycareers@mirashowers.com</u> by 24th November 2023.

Please be aware that, whilst we would love to be able to accommodate everyone, due to resource, we will not be able to do so, but I hope that an early application deadline will leave your students more than enough time to find a suitable alternative.

Engineering Placements

The week will be based around a project in either Design or Electronics Engineering which students can flex to their own skillsets and interest levels but will also include guided tours of our manufacturing and warehousing facilities, as well as 1 to 1 sessions with various different associates around the business to get a feel for the wide range of different engineering roles at Kohler Mira. Students would be involved with one of the following:

- Designing, Building and Testing using Computer Aided Design, 3D printing and Testing Equipment
- Arduino Electronics Project designing, building, programming and testing electronic circuits

A feedback session will be built into the last day of the placement, where the overall success of the placement and the design presented can be reviewed.

Business Placements

The week will consist of giving the student insight into various areas within the business function ranging from Marketing, Supply Chain and our Customer Service team. Students can expect to attend meetings and network with associates, but also work on real life projects in areas such as Data Analysis, Customer Teardowns, Social Media Reporting and Project Planning.

The applicant will have some time with our business apprentices so they can experience first-hand what life as an apprentice looks like. They too, will also receive a debrief session which will give them the opportunity to reflect on their experience and help them progress as they look forward to potential next steps in their education and/or careers.

If you would like us to attend your school to speak to your students about our work experience programs and application process, we would be more than happy to accommodate so please just let me know any preferred dates.

Should you need any more information please contact earlycareers@mirashowers.com

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you again in the new academic year.

Kind Regards,

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