Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to let you know of the opportunity for your child to complete work experience in the construction industry with the ‘Volunteer It Yourself’ project <https://volunteerityourself.org/> in conjunction with The Active Wellbeing Society <https://theaws.co.uk/>

‘VIY challenges young people to learn trade and employability skills by helping to fix local community spaces and places in need of essential repairs and improvements’.

‘AWS is a community benefit society, working to develop happy healthy communities, living active and connected lives’.

This presents a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn trade and employability skills by helping to fix a local community space in need of essential repairs and improvements. This particular project includes; creating ramps, trellis, railings, storage and much more for an outdoor community space. There is the opportunity to gain an Entry Level 3 City & Guilds trade skills certificate in carpentry, participate in employability workshops and receive mentoring on site by professional tradespeople. I believe that participating in this event will be a transformative experience for our students, opening their eyes to a world of work and gaining valuable experiences. It aligns perfectly with our mission to provide them with the best guidance and opportunities for their future.The programme will run as follows:

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th July for Amann, Harvey, Kyle, Alfie and Mickel

Monday 8th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July for Josh, Jack, Keira, Hamza and Jayden.

Students will leave school on arrival and will be returned to school for the close of day at 2.30pm with a packed lunch provided. Full PPE will be provided including work boots but can I please ask that students are dressed in appropriate clothing to do manual labour and for the weather conditions as they will be outside all day. If you are happy for your child to meet us there or leave from Tyseley and make their own way home please do let us know. The location is at Manor House, Hay Hall Business Park, Redfern Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2BE.

In order to take part in the day we are asking students for a commitment to complete any essential work that is missed in school with support from staff so it does not impact on their progress. If you require any further details please do get in touch on 0121 553 5858 or email [samantha.pearson@theedgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:samantha.pearson@theedgeacademy.co.uk)

Kind regards,

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