

**Let's talk about Work
Experience...**



Why is work experience important?

Provides students with an insight into the world of work.

Gives students an opportunity to showcase and develop their skills and motivation as an individual.

Allows students to form an outline of the career path they may choose.

Enables students to build a foundation relationship with a local employer and possibly make a lasting impression.



Local work experience opportunities are right on **your** doorstep

Solicitors

Multiple local law firms in your area could allow you the opportunity to experience such a career firsthand.

Restaurant/Café

Work experience in a café or restaurant can offer great experience if you have interest in the service sector.

Accountancy Firms

Some accountancy firms in your local area may allow you to obtain valuable experience in a growing industry.

Engineering

If you are seeking a potential career in engineering. There could be plenty of local engineering companies near you.

Education

Your own school can also take you on for experience if you have an interest in the educational system.

Art & Design

There are many creative studios that would love to have young talent on board for work experience..

Hair & Beauty

Even local hair salons are interested in taking on people for work experience. Which could even lead to a job afterwards.



Tips for finding a work placement

Do your research

Research using the internet, look in the local paper for employers based nearby who might give you a placement.

Don't be shy!

Emailing, telephoning and visiting employers in person to make an enquiry. Research the company and find the name of the key person to ask for.

Word of mouth

Talk to friends, parents, family members and enquire if they can help out or support. Everyone knows someone!



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Network

Active networking in person and online using social media sites including Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn to follow companies and post about looking for work experience.

Register...

Register on volunteer, apprenticeship and job websites to search for companies and contact details.

Ask your teachers

Talk to your School Teachers and ask them if they can think of anyone they might know.



What if my child's placement is on different dates?

- Email Mrs Pascoe to get confirmation that they can miss school on the alternative dates
- Let their tutor know
- They could try and find another opportunity so that they complete two different placements
- We expect them to be in school during the week commencing Monday 17th July to take part in “experience of the workplace/careers” activities

What if my child's work experience is during the school holidays?

- They should let their tutor know where they are going so that we can add this to their school record

What if my child cannot find a placement?

- Ask their tutor for advice
- Arrange a meeting with Mrs Pascoe
- Look at alternative methods - virtual work experience, work shadowing, volunteering

What does my child do once they have found a placement?

- Tell their tutor
- Parent & Employer complete consent forms:

[Work Experience Parent/Guardian Consent Form 2023](#)

[Work Experience Employer Consent Form 2023](#)

Contact Information for Work Experience support

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Any Questions?

