Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience will take place between **Monday 27th April and Friday 1st May 2026**, and all pupils in Year 10 will be expected to undertake a five-day work experience placement.

What is a Work Placement?

We would like you to ask an employer to give you the opportunity to experience what working life is like for a week. Employers recognise that you are untrained and will only allow you to undertake tasks suitable for your age.

You can work anywhere — it does **not** have to be linked to your future career. We would expect you to work for between **4-6 hours a day**. Ideally during school times, but this can be negotiated.

Why Do Work Experience?

Many students think Work Experience is only about trying out a job they might want in the future. However, it offers much more:

- It gives students an insight into the world of work
- It allows students to develop and practise skills needed in the workplace
- It strengthens future college/job applications by adding value to a CV and boosting employability
- References from work experience can be useful when applying for jobs

Choosing a Placement

There are many ways to approach employers:

- Speak to family, friends and neighbours to see if they know any workplaces that accept placements
- Call, email or visit a business yourself and ask about work placements.
- Use social media to connect with organisations (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram).
- Speak to Mr Leach, Careers Advisor — look out for lunchtime drop-in sessions on the bulletin.

Next Steps if You Have Found a Placement

Make sure you add the details of your employer to Unifrog and we will do the rest!

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You must only input **one** placement into Unifrog. If you change your mind, cancel it on Unifrog or inform your Home Teacher.

All placements should ideally be found and entered into the app by Friday 27th March 2026 BEFORE YOU BREAK UP FOR EASTER.

If you are struggling to find a placement, speak to your Home Teacher — we can help.