

Work Experience



What is the value of work experience



Why go on work experience?



- To understand the pros and cons of working.
- To get more information about jobs.
- To see what working would be like.
- To learn new skills and work with people of different age groups.
- To try something different.

More good reasons...

- To meet new people.
- To find out more about industry and commerce.
- To experience travelling to work.
- To exercise more self-discipline and responsibility.
- To improve your self-confidence.
- To improve your social skills.
- To learn the importance of punctuality.



And more good reasons...

- To see how an organisation operates.
- To use skills from school in the workplace.
- To discover how to relate to those in authority.
- To begin to feel grown up.
- To discover how trade unions work.
- To find out what employers think of you.
- To have experience away from school.



The myth of work placements...

- Work Experience is **not** about finding a future job or a career pathway.



Six key skills



- Numeracy
- Communication
- Teamwork
- ICT
- Self development
- Problem solving

Work experience booklet

- To be taken each day on work placement.
- Make sure you are completing it every day.
- It is part of your final assessment.



Frequently Asked Questions



What time do I start and finish?

- Your working hours will be decided by employers but tend to be typically
8.00 am. – 4.00 p.m.
or
9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
- Week-end working is common with students receiving time off mid week.



Do I get lunch and tea-breaks?

- These are provided by employers but students should expect to pay for any food and drink!



What about health and safety?



Students have to inform staff of health problems prior to placement, including.

- Epilepsy
- Asthma
- Colour blindness
- Eczema
- Diabetes
- Hearing difficulties

Will I get paid?

- Employers are not allowed to pay wages
- However, employers may make a contribution towards additional expenses incurred if they wish



What if...?

- Your work placement is boring. It's nothing like you hoped for. You have seen a department where there are some really interesting jobs going on. What do you do?
 - a) Go home?
 - b) Talk to the person in charge about moving department?
 - c) Go on strike?



What if...?

- The boss has asked you to work until 8 p.m. as the work is behind schedule. What do you do?
 - a) Refuse as your job description says your hours are 9-5?
 - b) Ring up your parents for permission?
 - c) Go on strike?



What if...?

- You have been on work experience for a week. The workers are generally friendly but they keep taking the mickey out of you. You have been sent for a left handed screwdriver and a tin of striped paint. Everybody thinks it is funny. What do you do?
 - a) Plan an elaborate plot of revenge?
 - b) Hide in the store cupboard?
 - c) Laugh it off ?



Important Dates

Work experience will take place from

- Monday -
to
- Friday -



Thought for the day



“Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.”

Aristotle (384 *BC* - 322 *BC*)