



Year 12 Work Experience Launch

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Why complete work experience?

Expected as part of
Sixth form study

Bridges the gap
between education
and the workplace

Improves
employability

Allows you to
refine your career
choices

Can make contacts
and gain a
reference

Improves your
UCAS personal
statements

Work Experience – What is Included?

The term work experience refers to all forms of work-related activity including **(you need to complete 30 hours, unpaid)**:

Work tasters

Running a student enterprise

Participation in social action

Volunteering

Work placement taken with an employer

Virtual work placements

Completion of online modules from Start u-explore



The Year Ahead...

Can be physical or virtual placements

- ✓ Is led by you
- ✓ Try to get a physical placement if possible. We will support and authorise placements organised during the school term, but our preference would be you completing the hours during a school holiday.
- ✓ You must let us know the details of the work experience, which is recorded on a Google Form
- ✓ If your placement falls within the school term I will need the following:
 1. An email from a parent
 2. An email from the business, including confirmation of the dates

Some ideas by sector:

- **Financial:** banks, building societies, accountants, insurance companies, tax firms, finance departments of local companies
- **Art/design:** galleries, museums, Cornerstone, architects, printing/branding companies, advertising, interior designers
- **Law:** local solicitors, courts, Human Resources departments of local businesses
- **Engineering/construction/manufacturing:** house building companies, architects, factories, Harwell campus, manufacturing companies
- **Healthcare/medicine:** care homes, pharmacies/chemists, dentist, GP surgery, health clinics, St Johns Ambulance, Harwell campus, Oxford University, local hospitals, opticians, chiropractors etc.
- **Animals:** vets, animal sanctuaries, stables, kennels, wildlife trust
- **IT/Computing:** app development companies, IT security companies, programming, RM, IT departments of local companies/schools
- **Media/books:** radio stations, local newspapers or magazines, bookshops, libraries, publishers, Oxford University Press
- **Public services/admin:** local council, estate agents, recruitment agencies, libraries, Human Resources departments
- **Education/children:** primary and secondary schools, nurseries, sports clubs, adult education
- **Charities:** local charities, charity shops, Citizens' Advice,
- **Science:** Harwell campus, Culham Science Centre, UKAEA (Atomic Energy), science museums, water or energy companies, research departments
- **Leisure/tourism/hospitality:** hotels, restaurants, cafes, leisure centres, sports clubs, Space Centre, cinemas, theatres, bookshops, libraries, museums, Earth Trust
- **Retail/sales:** shops, supermarkets, garden centres, estate agents
- **Outdoors:** landscape gardeners, Earth Trust, wildlife trust, sports clubs, archaeological services



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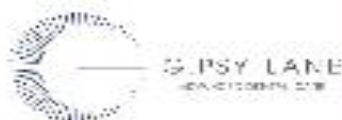


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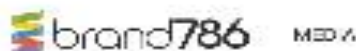
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Make a list of your top 5 ideal placements and start contacting them



If you do not have a contact name, the HR (Human Resources) department is usually a good place to start.



Give them a call or draft an email. Remember to be polite and sound interested in what they do.



If calling, plan what you want to say in advance and have a pen and paper ready to take notes.



You may need to send a CV or formal application if they ask you to.



Be aware that some large organisations like UKAEA and Diamond Light Source only offer work experience during their own fixed dates. Don't lose heart if the first companies you contact are not able to offer what you want.



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15 Sept



Live virtual NHS Careers Work experience programme

If you are interested in careers in any of the following areas then you may be interested in the work experience opportunities offered by Allied Healthcare mentor. See link below for more information. Note that there is a fee for these opportunities, which are offered by an external organisation.

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy



Live Virtual NHS Healthcar...

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/pr>



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Free virtual work experience programmes for students who are interested in becoming doctors, dentists and vets. The applications for these programmes are open all year around and students can join in anytime. If there are more students interested in allied healthcare careers, there is still time to enrol onto the allied NHS virtual work experience programme too.

These programmes are suitable for students in year 10-13. All of the different career streams can be access via this link, with the necessary application forms and joining details on each page: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/>



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Graphic Design

Programme start date: 24th October
Application deadline: 19th October

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Technology

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Engineering

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Finance & Accounting

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Journalism

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TV & Film

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Law

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Marketing

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Sustainability

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UCAS (for University & Apprenticeships) says...

Work experience is an important feature of any strong university application. For certain degree courses, though, it's an essential entry requirement.

For example:

NHS – funded healthcare courses (nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, healthcare Science, mental health)

Medicine

Veterinary Science

Teaching

Social work

Accountancy

Architecture

Engineering

Media production

Town and country planning

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