

Work experience

- ▶ The dates for work experience are:
- ▶ Monday 14th July to Tuesday 22nd July
- ▶ Pupils are expected to complete 7 days of work.



Last year, over 150 pupils took part in year 10 work experience, with placements at Saxon Air, RNGC, veterinary practices, retail outlets, hospitality venues, nursery schools, architects, construction companies, primary schools and more.

Work experience helps a person to learn about the industries they are interested in and will help provide interesting information to write about in future applications. Many sectors of employment will expect to see relevant work experience on an application.





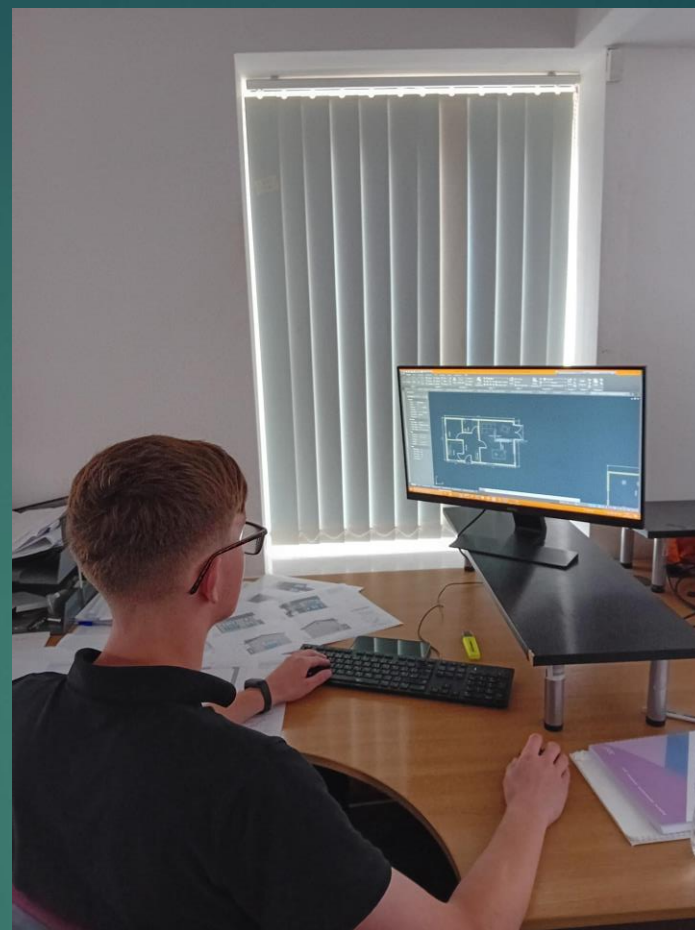
Work experience is not just for future applications and a CV, it helps young people to identify and enhance their skills. Confidence is built, communication skills are enhanced and problem solving skills are developed. Being able to work through issues with a degree of self-confidence will certainly help young people in the future. When the new academic year begins and our Year 10s have become Year 11, we see that many are more mature individuals with better self-confidence, self-esteem and coping skills.

WEXP allows our young people time to network and shows them how to develop professional relationships with colleagues. This can lead to a multitude of opportunities. Many of last year's wexp pupils have been offered paid weekend work and for a few, the opportunity to return to the company for an apprenticeships, when they finish their GCSEs.



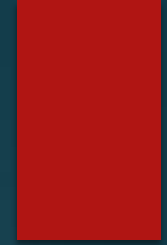
WEXP starts on Monday 14th July and ends on Tuesday 22nd July, that is 7 full days of work. It is important for pupils to think about the type of placement they would like. Spend time researching and chatting to family and friends to see if anyone has contacts within that area. Try not to focus on one specific job role, consider the wider career industry. For example, it may not be possible to shadow a doctor, but a placement in a nursing home or dental practice will give useful experience in the health sector. Think about the school subjects that your child enjoys most and if there is an industry or job that this subject is used in. If your child enjoys Art, try and get a placement in a gallery, workshop or with a firm of architects. If Computer Science is the preferred subject, a placement within IT, security companies or those with a marketing department might work well.





During school time tomorrow, Year 10s will be informed about the importance of WEXP and given ideas on where they could apply. They will also have time with their tutor to take in information on how to apply and emailed copies of templates and other useful resources.

The deadline to source a placement is February Half Term, but it is most advisable to start researching and applying now.



Prior to work experience pupils will be prepared and briefed with information being delivered in assembly, via tutors and during the Key skills morning in January.

I am available in school, to answer any queries that you may have. Please get in touch.

Thank you

Emma Edgill





Ask your child to speak to family, friends, neighbours and acquaintances, and see if anyone is working in the sector or industry they want to work in.

Pupils can take work experience with people who are self-employed, there is just a little more checking to be done in advance.





If your child is really struggling to find a placement or doesn't know where to apply, ask them to come and speak to me. I am available before and after school and during the lunch break, in the Careers Office in the library.

Visit our Careers Fair on Wednesday 13th November. Many of the employers attending have agreed to take on wexp pupils once again this year. Bring your child along and speak to them in person, they may be able to secure a placement there and then. Important information, including dates and a list of potential placement employers are included in the wexp packs.





Good luck in sourcing your
placement!

Any queries please contact Mrs Edgill
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