




# ***Year 10 Work Experience 2024***

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# *Why do Work Experience?*

- Gain insight into a career
  - Gives a purpose to your education showing the link between how education prepares you for the world of work
  - It can help you find a job
  - It can help with your application to Sixth Form, College or University
  - You gain valuable skills for your development
  - Adds value to your CV
  - To gain a positive reference from an employer
  - Building up contacts
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# *To get the most benefit*

- For maximum benefit try to find a work placement based on:
  - A possible career route
  - **An area of interest**
  - Support a subject or qualification



# ***Take work experience seriously***

- All work experience is valuable, no matter in what field it is. Evidence of:
  - Positive attitude to work, being polite
  - **Flexibility and enthusiasm**
  - Initiative – ability to think for yourself in the workplace
  - **Reliability – turning up on time**
  - Communication skills – confident to talk to people, willing to ask for help and a good listener
  - **Team worker – gets on well with others**
  - Literacy, Numeracy & computer skills



# ***When is work experience in Year 10?***

- Work experience will take place:

**Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024**



# ***Work experience – next steps***

- You can be researching potential work placements:
  - Speak to your family – do they have any contacts?
  - Ask your teachers – do they have any contacts?
  - Visit some potential employers and ask if they accept students for work placements.




# ***Work experience – the process***



- The Work Experience process will be managed through the Unifrog's **Placements** tool.
- When you have found a work placement, login to Unifrog and click 'Placement tool' and 'New placement'. It is important that this is completed **as soon as possible** so Health & Safety checks can be completed before you can start your placement.
- Final deadline is **Friday 10 May 2024.**



# ***How to Look for a Work Experience***

- Write to local employers – this could be an email or company website
  - **Call in direct and ask to speak to the manager**
  - Telephone and ask to speak to the manager
  - **Speak to your family – do they have contacts at their own place of work?**
  - Ask your teachers – do they have any contacts?
  - **START APPLYING NOW**
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# *Where could you do your work experience?*

- In the past, students have completed their work experience in the following places:
  - Retail stores
  - **Doctors surgeries**
  - Veterinary surgeries
  - **Hairdressing salons**
  - Gyms/Leisure centres
  - **Garages/Repair workshops**
  - Schools/Nurseries
  - **Hotels/Tourist places**
  - Restaurants & Cafes
  - **Solicitors/Legal firms**
  - General offices
  - **Council offices**
  - Banks & Building Societies



# *Where could you do your work experience?*

- These are some of the places where students in year 10 have completed their placements:

- Tyne and Wear Fire & Rescue
- **Hudson Road Primary School**
- St Benet's Primary School
- **Bright Stars Nursery**
- Wates Group
- **Millfield Community Nursery**
- Sunderland City Council
- **Just Travel Cover**
- Barnes Junior School
- **Nissan**
- Sunderland Mind
- Sunderland Culture
- **Grangetown Primary**
- Next Retail
- **Hillview Infants & Juniors**
- Sunderland College
- **Pets at Home**
- Gentoo Group
- **BT/EE**
- Medichem Pharmacy
- **MPCT**



# *Who to speak to?*

- **Mrs Robinson**, Careers Advisor – based in the Careers Hub
  - **Mr Wareham** as Careers Leader has the oversight of Careers in school.
  - **Head of Year & Form Tutors**
  - **Personal Development teachers**, materials to help you apply for a work placement
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