WORK EXPERIENCE

AT SOUTHMOOR ACADEMY



Year 10 Work Experience 2027

Launch

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

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 14 June to Friday 18 June 2027



Work experience – next steps

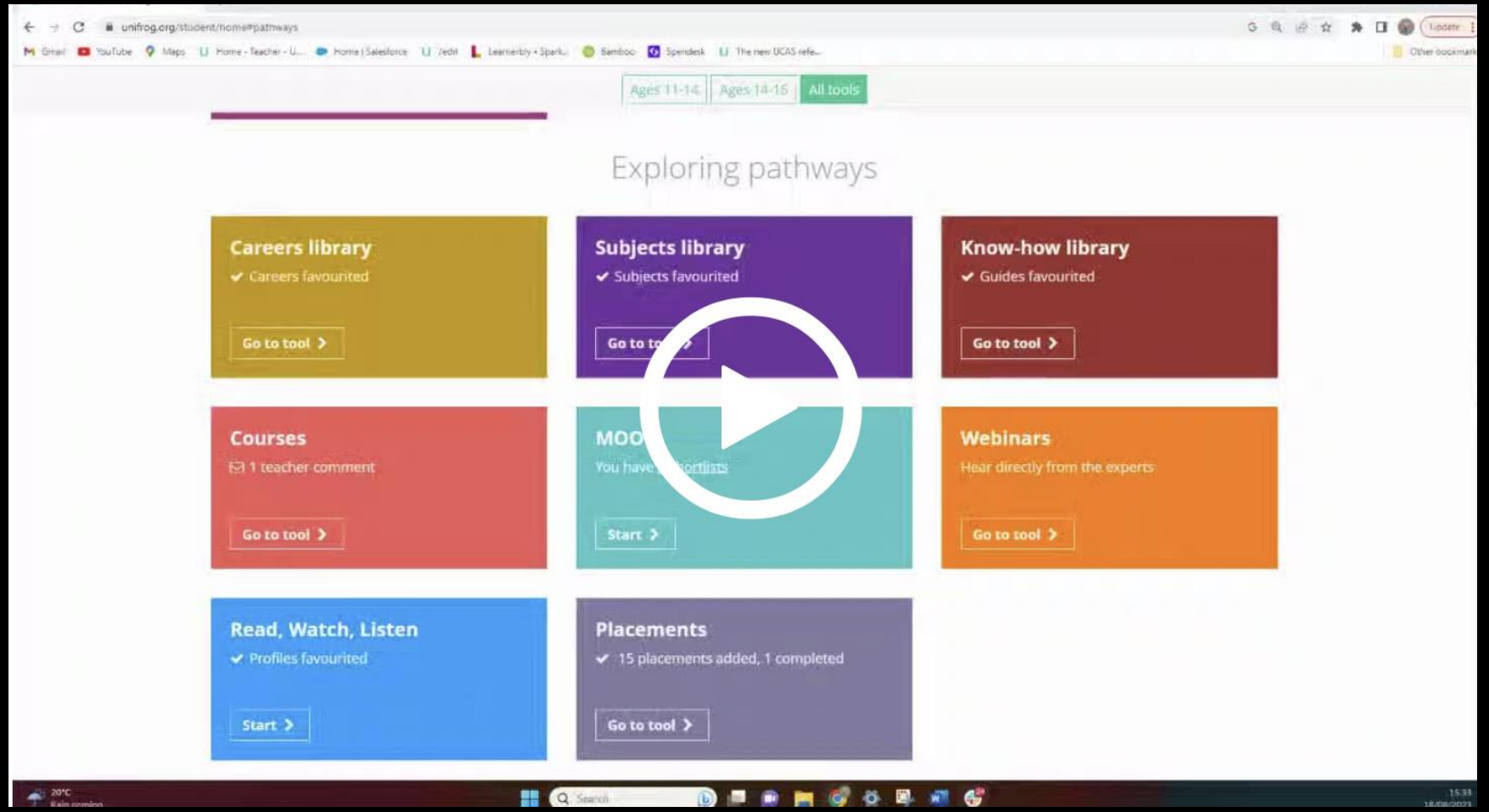
- You can be researching potential work placements:
  - Speak to your family – do they have any contacts?
  - Ask your teachers – do they have any contacts?
  - Visit some potential employers and ask if they accept students for work placements.

Work experience – the process

unifrog
The universal careers platform

- The Work Experience process will be managed through the Unifrog's **Placements** tool.
- When you have found a work placement **(and the employer has agreed to the 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 14 May 2027.**

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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**

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:

- Advanced Blade Repair Services
- Back on the Map
- Barnes Infant and Junior Schools
- Bellway
- Bowmer & Kirkland
- Brewlab
- Clearly Drinks
- Fans Museum
- Fausto Coffee
- First Mortgage
- Ford Aerospace
- Hasting Hill Academy
- Grangetown Primary
- Just Travel Cover
- LM Global Telecoms
- Nissan
- Siblings Nursery
- Gentoo Group
- Sunderland College
- Vets for Pets
- Valley Road Primary



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**
- **Aspire teachers,** materials to help you apply for a work placement