

Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact

Year group: 12 & 13

Subject: Work Experience

Periods per fortnight: 6

INTENT:

Work experience offers an opportunity to get experience in a chosen career, to gain key soft skills and knowledge in the competitive working environment.

On work placements, you will get the opportunity to work in a particular role or work in a variety of roles.

If you are unsure of your career pathway, work experience gives you an unique opportunity to explore a wide range of career pathways, learning and enhancing new soft skills. It is also a great way to put theory into practice and can help you gain actual skills, such as using a piece of equipment or software.

Work experience also helps you to:

- Evaluate your skills and knowledge and focus on developing them
- Build your confidence through working with others
- Evidence your ability to take on new challenges and succeed in new areas of your professional development
- Bridge the Sixth Form and the world of work gap
- Gain valuable advice from professionals working in a variety of industries and hear their stories
- Obtain references for future job applications and career opportunities
- Help you to understand how organisations work from an internal perspective and how they are affected by external market forces
- It also allows you to establish a clearer picture of what kind of working environment and career pathways may suit you

IMPLEMENTATION:

Term	Topics studied Add dates and any assessments included	Extended learning opportunities (homework, controlled assessments, field work, trips etc.)	How parents could support students
Autumn Term	Students will spend the lessons leading up to October half term writing their CVs and applying to work placements. There are a limited number of placements that the school can directly suggest and students are then encouraged to research their own, with the support of their supervisors.	Students should be researching placements and sending applications and CVs out to businesses.	Support their child with completing their CVs and application forms. Use any work contacts to identify possible work experience placements for their own child or others in the school. Any support is always welcome.
Spring Term	Students to complete work experience each week and the supervisors to visit and get feedback from both the student and the employer about progress and attitude.		
Summer Term			

IMPACT:

Students are well-prepared for the work place when they leave Sixth Form. Some placements can also lead to higher-level apprenticeships or permanent full-time positions once students have completed their Sixth Form courses.