

Year 10 Work Experience Information

All Year 10 students take part in Work Experience in March and therefore, will spend the majority of the first part of the year preparing for this. Although for some, it may seem a daunting prospect, it is amazing to see how this experience develops students as individuals, increasing in confidence and making them more prepared for the 'real world'. Feedback we receive from students each year is very positive; some of last year's student comments described the experience as:

"Fantastic" "Fab" "A great experience" "Loved it" "I didn't want to leave"

When organising their Work Experience, students can either choose from the Schools Database or organise their own.

1. Choosing from the database: This contains approximately 150 placements in a variety of areas of work, most of which have been tried and tested by our own students for a number of years. This will be introduced to students in September.
2. Students are able to organise their own placement if they so wish, providing it is not with an organisation that already appears on our Database. It is advisable that if you are thinking of this option, you contact Mrs O'Brien as soon as possible after the start of the process as timescales are very limited. Placements must meet a number of criteria:

<u>Work Experience Criteria:</u>
Placements must be within a 50 mile radius of school.
Students must not attend a placement where a family member works.
Students must be able to travel to and from the placement.
The organisation must have Employers Liability Insurance in place.
If choosing a Primary School, this must not be one that the student has previously attended or that a family member currently attends.
Students must only attend one placement for the whole duration of Work Experience.

It is important that if you have a particular placement in mind, that you speak to Mrs O'Brien (Work Experience Manager) as soon as possible after the Work Experience Introduction in September, so that you can be advised whether or not this is possible.