# Year 10 & Year 12 Work Experience

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025





## Why do Work Experience?



- It is an opportunity to sample different types of careers / jobs
- It is a compulsory part of your careers curriculum
- It will be a requirement for some University courses / Apprenticeship applications
- It is a chance to make yourself stand out when competing for a place at University or for an Apprenticeship / Job
- It will give you the chance to understand the difference between being at school and work
- It will give you an opportunity to sample some ideas about your future without making a long term commitment
- It is fun! A week away from school ©

## Things to consider .....

What are your career interests in the future?

What are you thinking about doing after school?

Not all types of organisations can offer work experience it is important to be realistic when finding a placement

Work experience is not a wasted experience, you will always be able to talk about the things you have learnt!

What does the local jobs market offer?

You need to find your own work experience placement



You may have personal connections who can help you find a placement you are really interested in



Employers often appreciate the bravery of being approached by the person wanting the placement



It makes you look more motivated and enthusiastic employers or universities will look on you more favourable

#### There is no such thing as; I can't find a placement ....

- Are there companies you are already aware of in your local area?
- Do you have friends or family members working in these areas who can help?
- Use the internet to research local companies in the fields you are interested in.
- Make yourself a list and research into each company to find out more about what they do, using their websites and social media pages.
- Phone / Email / visit companies and ask if they will take you on Work Experience











## What is Unifrog?



This is a work experience admin management tool.

It is **not** a searchable database of placements.

The tool should start to be used by the student, **once they have found a placement.** 

YOU NEED TO FIND YOUR OWN WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

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THE DEADLINE TO ADD THE PLACEMENT INFORMATION TO UNIFROG IS APRIL 28th

#### **Using the Unifrog Placement tool**



Students will receive their Unifrog logins via email week commencing

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After the student has agreed a placement, they will need to log into their Unifrog account to log the Placement details. Here's what happens next.

Ages 11-14 Ages 14-16 Altroots  Exploring pathways		
Careers library  ✓ Careers favourited	Subjects library  ✓ Subjects favourited	Know-how library ✓ Guides favourited
Go to tool >	Go to tool >	Go to tool >
Courses  1 teacher comment	Webinars  Hear directly from the experts	Read, Watch, Listen  ✓ Profiles favourited
Go to tool >	Go to tool >	Start >
Placements  ✓ 3 placements added, 3 completed		
Go to tool >		



#### Next steps .....

#### **Students**

Log into Unifrog via a welcome email sent to your school email account

Source a placement, then log the information on Unifrog.



**DEADLINE 28th APRIL** 



#### **Parents/Carers**

Support your child to source a placement. Encourage them to log it on Unifrog.

Look out for an email from Unifrog once the student and the employer



have completed their forms.



## Any questions?



#### More info

- Unifrog have created a set of guides about placements which you can find here.
- · Within this set of guides, <u>this</u> is the best one to start with (it includes a short animation of how the whole process works).
- Next we recommend looking at <u>this one</u>, because it includes advice on how to find a placement.
- · Pro tip: check out the apprenticeships tool on Unifrog to research local employers who may be open to hosting a placement.



QR codes to guides

(These links are included in the letter home to parents which was sent via Synergy on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025)



### **Using the Unifrog Placements tool**

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Unifrog's Placements tool helps schools, students, parents and employers with the admin behind work experience.

More than 1000 schools use this tool to organise work experience, and 90,000+ placements have been processed through the tool.

2 min overview of the Placements tool

