



Goodwin Academy

2024

School Coordinator: Mr Dixon



Why is it important to get it right?



Research from Education and Employers found that a young person who has **four or more meaningful encounters** with an employer is **86% less likely** to be unemployed or not in education or training.



Why is it important to get it right?

22%



A young person who has **four or more meaningful encounters** can **earn 22% more** during their career.



Why is it important to get it right?

Skills and experiences;

- Increase occupational knowledge
- Communication
- Motivation
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Ability to work under pressure



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Work experience is a chance for students to:

- find out more about themselves
- find out what inspires them
- come up with career ideas and try them out
- discover strengths, values, motivations and interests
- meet new people and build a network of contacts
- identify any reasonable adjustments that may be needed because of a disability or long term health condition



[Success at School: Careers advice for schools and students](#)



Work Experience 2024/25

- Your child be completing work experience next year as part of their learning about and preparation for the workplace
- The work experience programme will consist of two 2-day placements, this can be with one employer or two different employers



Work Experience 2024/25

T1 - 3	T4 - 6
Placement 1	Placement 2





Your Placement

- Your child is responsible for finding their own work placement.
- If they are unable to find a placement the school will try to help find a placement, but let us know as soon as possible.
- Try to find a placement that fits with their chosen career path, if they do not currently have a career in mind at this time, what are they interested in?





Your Placement

- Placements should be accessible when travelling. Check the journey route, times and the cost.
- Placements should not, where possible, be with a direct family member.
- Make sure your child knows what they will be doing during their placement before starting it. They should try to gain as many experiences as they can during the 2 days.
- A successful work placement can sometimes lead to paid work.

Organising the Work Placement



- The placement **MUST** be requested at least 2-weeks before it is due to take place.
- A maximum of 5 students on any given date will be authorised. Placements will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Organising the Work Placement



- Students will be using Unifrog to set up, record and evaluate their work placement.
- Students already have a [Unifrog](#) account.
- It is important the contact is made with the intended employer before adding the placement to Unifrog.
- To learn more about the Placements tool for Work Experience students can use this link; <https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/direct/how-to-use-the-placements-tool>

Organising the Work Placement



- Students must let their employer know that they will be receiving a form that needs to be completed online. Make sure that they know that the link will be from Unifrog.
- As parents you will receive a copy of your child's form and the employer's form, and when you have received this you will need to review the information and agree to the placement.
- If there is something that you do not agree with they should contact Mr Dixon.
- When this has been completed all forms will be sent to Mr Dixon and I will review and agree the placement. If there is an issue I will contact you.



Organising the Work Placement

- Remember

At least 2 weeks notice



Sooner is better!

During and after the Work Placement



- During the first day of the placement the attendance officer will contact the employer to check that your child has attended, but more importantly they will check that everything is okay.
- If your child or yourself is not happy with the placement then contact should be made with Mr Dixon for support and advice.
- After the placement has finished, your child and the employer should complete the reflection activities on Unifrog. These are important as it provides a record of the placement and the skills/experiences gained that can be used at a later stage when writing a personal statement or attending an interview.
- Employers have not been great at completing the reflection so it is important that a 'gentle' reminder of the request is made before the end of the placement



Useful Websites

success
at school

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Any questions?