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Year 10 Modern Work experience

Change to Statutory guidance

Department for Education

Statutory guidance

Careers guidance and access for education and training providers

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- One week's worth of work experience placement(s) in years 10 to 11.

- Work experience placement(s) in years 10 to 11 should allow pupils to experience a real working environment and begin to develop work-based skills and behaviours.

The Value of Work Experience

Work experience gives students the chance to learn about what type of job they might enjoy, develop skills and enhance their CV. We know it can be one of the most transformational experiences young people have during their education.

Placements give pupils a glimpse of what their day-to-day lives might look like when they leave school. At the same time, they inspire and motivate them to explore their next steps.

Research from the Education and Employers Taskforce shows that when pupils have multiple encounters with employers whilst at school, they are 86% less likely to become NEET (not in education, employment, or training) once they have left.

Taking part in work experience can have many benefits:

- Allows them to understand about the world of work
- Offers experience of travelling to work
- Allows them to see how businesses work
- Helps to identify areas of personal weakness in their Employability Skills
- Allows them to meet and talk to other people
- Helps to recognise the advantages and disadvantages of a particular job
- Could lead to a part-time job or a full-time job in the future
- Helps to understand the importance of school work
- Gives a realistic insight into a sector of industry
- Helps them to decide what to do in the future
- Develops soft skills
- Provides potential references for future employment and further education

Dates of work experience

- All pupils in Year 10 are expected to complete 5 days of work experience (25 hours)

- This takes place Monday 18th May- Friday 22nd May.

- In this period there will be no classes running; each day all pupils will be at the workplace of their host employer.

- Start your search early!

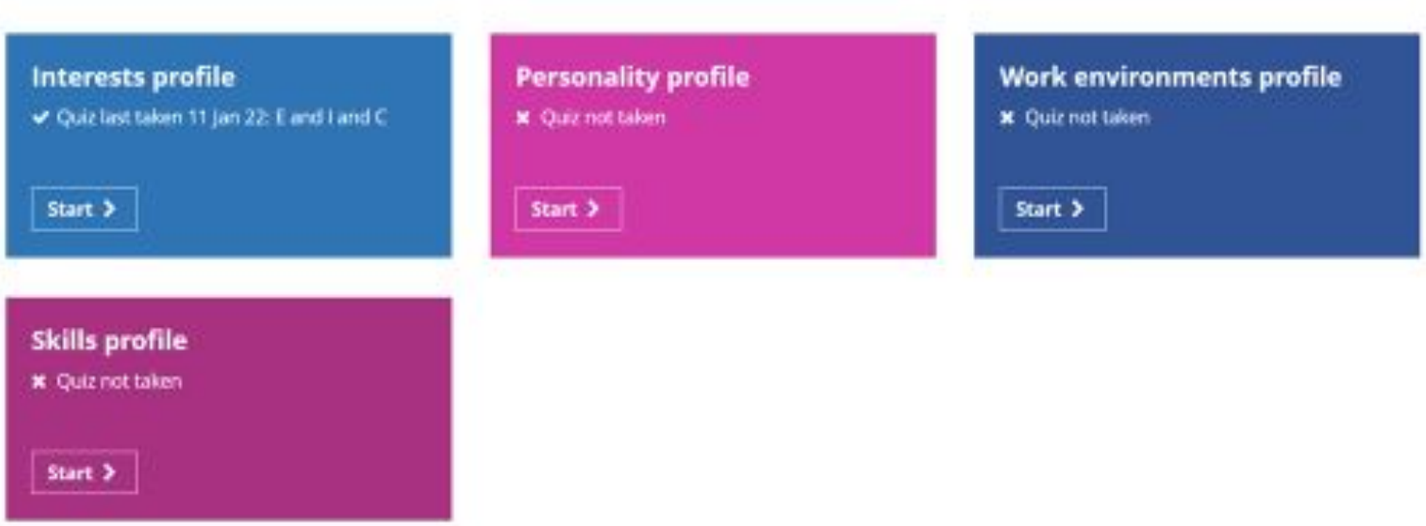
Where can they go?

Your child will be expected to organise their own work experience placement. We believe finding your own placement is as important in developing confidence, job search skills and resilience as attending the placement itself.

- They can approach people and businesses you know.
- Ask friends, family and other connections.
- Research local or national businesses using the internet.
- Research businesses on social media e.g. LinkedIn and Instagram.
- Talk to your child about what they are hoping to do and why.
- What skills do they want to develop?
- What type of environment would they like to work in or try out?
- You will have to consider how they will get there/ transport
- Ring, email or write to potential placements.
- Some employers will want an application – we can support with this if needed.
- The careers team will be on hand to assist pupils needing additional help.

Using Unifrog for guidance

If your child is struggling to decide on the area they would like to work in, they can go onto their Unifrog account and take the quizzes on their homepage to get an idea of what sectors may be of interest to them.
Remember it does not have to be in the role they want when they leave school.



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Exploring pathways

Work experience placements

- Pupils need to agree the placement with the employer first.

- Pupils will then need to add the placement to their Unifrog account (they'll find the Placements tool on their Unifrog homepage).

- Please can placements be added by Friday 9th January 2026.

- Pupils have used Unifrog in Curriculum for Life lessons and should know their password. Their username is their school email. If they have forgotten their password they can click the 'reset password' option.

- The Unifrog system will then email the employer, the parent / guardian, and the school, to collect the necessary information and permissions.

Unifrog Support

The best source of guidance and support is the Unifrog website and their guides:

For pupils

For students: a guide to finding and completing work placements : Unifrog Blog

For parents and carers

How to help your child find a work placement : Unifrog Blog

For parents, carers and pupils

https://www.unifrog.org/placement/guides

Unifrog placement tool

[Unifrog - quick task: adding a placement]



In Summary

- This takes place Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May.
- Please can placements be added by Friday 9th January 2026.
- Start your search now!

We will send you this presentation via email.

Thank you and good luck!