

Work Experience



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This will be completed by all year 12 students on
22-26TH JUNE 2020

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What is work experience?

WORK EXPERIENCE

noun

is an unpaid voluntary short-term work placement. It usually involves shadowing another person and learning about the job they do.



Why do we do it?

- A recent survey has shown that two thirds of employers look for prospective employees to have work experience (UCAS).
- 33% of employers say experience is critical when recruiting young people, and a further 45% say it's significant. UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES)
- Did you know lack of experience is the number one reason employers turn young job applicants away? UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES)
- To give you a taste of "the wider world"
- To support your future aspiration choices

What do I get out of it?



Employability
skills



An opportunity
to try
something new



Future
employment
opportunities



Experience of
the career
paths available
in your chosen
field



Contacts



Encourages
independence
and maturity

Opportunities
Independence
Skills

Bigger Picture

WORK EXPERIENCE WILL PLAY
A VITAL ROLL IN YOUR NEXT
CHAPTER AFTER SIXTH FORM

- You will go to university
- Modern Apprenticeships
- Enter employment



THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

1. What would your ideal occupation be?
2. What subjects are you most interested in?
3. What do you plan to study at university?
4. What are your areas of interest/hobbies
5. What placements are available and realistic to you?
6. Aim High!



How to decide on your placement



Placements to consider

- A FIELD YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
- POSSIBLY SOMETHING YOU KNOW LITTLE ABOUT
- A PLACEMENT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED
- SOMEWHERE WHICH WILL GIVE YOU A TRUE INSIGHT INTO THAT PROFESSION

PLACEMENTS TO AVOID

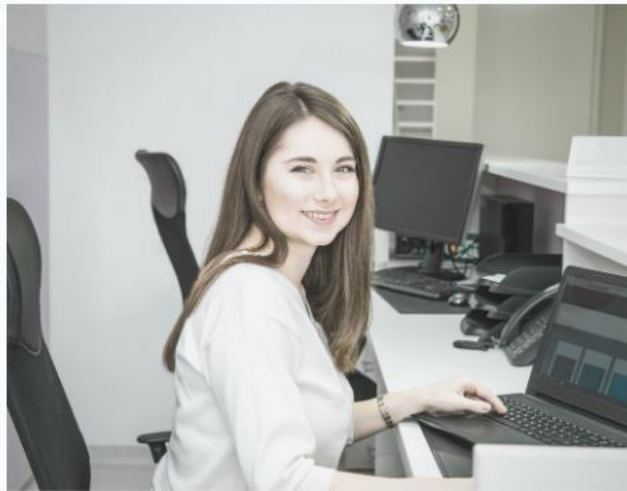
- Easy options - "I'll work with my Dad"
- Somewhere you already work
- School - you know what it is like!
- A place where laws or rules might get in the way



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WHAT DO I DO ON WORK EXPERIENCE?

- Shadow someone in your field of interest
- Attend meetings
- Carry out tasks assigned to you by your boss
- Learn about specific job skills appropriate to that role



Employability Skills

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Employability Skills

Do's & Don'ts



Be polite



Be helpful



Get involved



Be on time



Turn up



Ask Questions



Observe

Don'ts Don'ts Do's & Don'ts



Be uninterested



Be silent or not know when to be quiet



Assume you can do everything



Be late



Wear the wrong clothes



Not turn up



Ask to leave early!

What now & Why so early?



THERE ARE ALMOST 200 OF YOU IN THE YEAR GROUP... LYMM IS A SMALL PLACE!

Start to think about what you might like to do

See what places are out there - start to research

Make a phone call and see if it's possible

Fill out the paperwork

Timeline

24TH JAN

- Decide what you are interested in
- Find a self-placement by researching local places - use last years contacts to help
- Make an appointment with a Careers Advisor for guidance if needed

27TH MAR

- Confirm work placement and complete the paperwork (show placement medical consent form & get signature)
- Return paperwork to sixth form reception and complete all details on the online survey no later than 27th March 2020

20TH APR

- A meeting will take place with all students without placements
- School may allocate students with a placement internally within school

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What next?

What next?

YOUR JOB FOR THE REST OF TODAY'S SESSION IS TO DO A SMALL AMOUNT OF RESEARCH...CONSIDERING WHAT YOU MAY LIKE TO DO

Print/collect
letter and
paperwork
and begin to
fill out

Use last years
ideas to get
some contacts
- meet with
your tutor

Contact an
employer you
might wish to do
your work
experience with

Frequently Asked Questions

1. WHAT IF MY PLACEMENT CANNOT OFFER ME A WORK EXPERIENCE ON 22-26TH JUNE

If you are seeking a placement that can only offer specific dates (e.g. Police, hospitals) please inform Student Services and the school will make a decision on whether to approve your absence for an alternative week. If you can do the placement in the summer holidays this is advised (no paperwork required for placements outside school term).

2. CAN I DO ADDITION WORK EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE ONE WEEK?

If you wish to do additional work experience at either the same placement or another then it is suggested that you should do this in the summer holiday. School support this but cannot offer insurance for students taking additional placements, no paperwork is required for placements outside school term.

3. CAN I BE PAID ON MY PLACEMENT?

You are expected to choose a placement that is a long term career goal not just working full time at your current part-time job.

4. WILL SCHOOL PAY FOR EXPENSES TO COVER TRAVEL COSTS?

The school cannot offer expenses for any placement. As part of your placement you are expected to experience the process of getting to and from work including the cost.

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5. WHAT IF MY PLACEMENT DOES NOT HAVE EMPLOYER/PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE?

Unfortunately, the school cannot insure students on placements that do not have public liability insurance and the student will not be covered in case of any accidents.

6. CAN I GO ON PLACEMENTS OUTSIDE THE LOCAL REGION?

The school encourage and support students to seek work experience outside the local region and overseas.

7. CAN I DO MY PLACEMENT AT LYMM HIGH SCHOOL OR MY PREVIOUS PRIMARY SCHOOL?

If you are interested in a career in teaching it is advised that students seek placements outside of school so that they get a true experience of work. Some primary schools do not accept their former students, however, this is down to the primary school and it is your responsibility to find this out.

8. CAN MORE THAN ONE STUDENT GO TO THE SAME PLACEMENT?

Yes and this is encouraged in circumstances where students can share travel arrangements.

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