

WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

We have had a few questions come in about Work Experience, hopefully this will answer a few of them, but please let us know if you have any further questions



Can I work for my parents?

This would need to be relevant and not just the 'easy option'. Work experience is a great opportunity to interact with new people and get out of your comfort zone in a positive way and gain those extra workplace and personal skills. It would still need to go through UniFrog.

Can I do work experience at a different time?

The designated week the whole year is off timetable so no lessons would be missed. Doing it at a different time would mean missing too much work. Additional work experience can be done in your own time e.g during holidays

Does Career Ready count as work experience?

There may be the opportunity for a summer placement with the Career Ready programme, but this isn't guaranteed, so still please look into work experience.

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I already have a job, can I do my work experience there?

This would be a case by case decision depending on where you currently work, as it needs to link to your future aspirations, and needs to be unpaid. Again, experiencing different settings is very beneficial and broadens your horizons.

Does it need to be the same as school hours?

No, each work place will have their own timings they use e.g 8-4, 9-5. Ideally you will do the same as their other employees. However, if you are reliant on needing transport or a lift there may be some flexibility that can be discussed with the placement.

D of E Expedition clash

Due to the physical nature of the expedition and planning that goes into this, external work experience on the remaining 2 days would be optional, if not done externally virtual work experience within school will be arranged.

Again, if you wanted to investigate work experience during school holidays this would be viable.

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I am struggling to find something in the specialism I want to go into.

It's not always easy gaining work experience and it may take a fair bit of researching and contacting companies before securing a placement.

Employers and universities also understand this isn't easy so please don't worry if you can't find something niche. Gaining transferable skills is just as important. Perhaps try researching key skills for the job you are interested in and cross match these to other sectors and businesses to widen your search. UniFrog has a small Database of employers within 30 miles that have hosted work experience for other schools so you can pop by and see Mrs Carney to check. You can also add your profile to UniFrogs talent pool, where employers and universities can connect with you about opportunities.

A reminder that work experience will be logged through Uni Frog

Please only activate a placement once the details are confirmed with the employer.

Please give them a courtesy heads up that Uni Frog will send a small amount of Communications so they are aware and know to expect these!