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Year 10 Work experience - Launch



Why is work experience important?

- It provides students with first hand experience of the world of work
- It develops key employability skills: punctuality, working as a team member, problem solving, confidence, communication skills etc
- Although we have done work experience for a number of years at Corfe Hills this is now something all secondary schools in England have to provide
- Many students have found summer jobs/future employment stemming from work experience
- Students often have a different perspective on school after experiencing work in the “real world”



Important information

- Work experience is for 2 weeks from **Monday 15th March-Thursday 25th March**
- We expect every student to participate in work experience
- Every student will have visit and/or call from school
- Employers will complete an assessment which will be returned to school
- Students do not need to know what they want to do for a career choice
- It can form an important part of any CV or job application in the future



Why is work experience important?

- 545,000 unemployed 18-to-24-year-olds in the UK during the June to August 2026 period, representing an unemployment rate of **13.2%** for this specific age group.



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Breaking stereotypes in the workplace…













Finding a placement

- **The onus is on YOU** to find your own placement
- Many students use contacts through family and friends, but we find many local employers are very supportive if asked
- We are supportive of parents taking students to work with them if they feel this is appropriate
- Experience suggests that calling or speaking to potential employers is more effective than email
- Doing two different placements is fine if employers can only cater for one week
- If the placement does not follow traditional working hours, evening or shift work is fine.



Finding a placement

- A list of employers that students have used before is on our website
- There are also a range of local employers keen to support us via the Unifrog platform
- If you are really struggling to find a placement you should speak to your tutor and support will be provided
- **Work experience is compulsory, there is no provision in school during those two weeks**
- It is down to you to make sure you have a placement



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What is unifrog?

A one-stop-shop for getting in.

Apprenticeships | Further Education | University | + Lots more!

How does it help?

Unifrog empowers students and teachers.

Strategy

Easily take into account academic performance and likelihood of success. Compare every opportunity to find the best one.

Tasks

Students and teachers always know their next task, what they've already done, and what they've got left to do.

Target

One place to track every student's progress, and keep-in to their applications - you can target help at students who need it most.

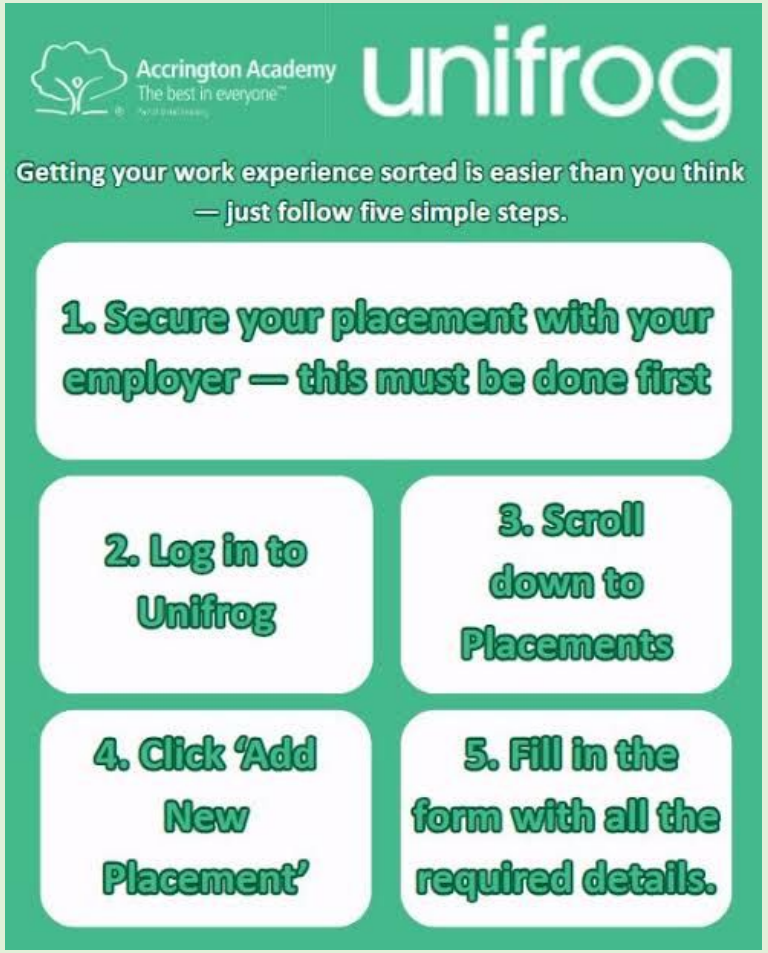
What do you need to source and supply?

- The name of the business
- The name of the lead contact
- **The email address of the lead contact - this must be accurate**
- Your parent contact name
- **Your parent contact email address - this must be accurate**



Logistical arrangements

- **All students need to have found a placement by Friday 18th December and the initial work experience form completed**
- A letter will go out shortly to parents / carers
- You should log in and explore Unifrog in advance
- You should discuss your placement ideas with your tutor to check suitability



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Wednesday 18th November: Sixth form open evening/Careers convention



Open Evening and Careers Fair Wednesday Nov 18th
17:30 – 19:30

