

Year 11 Work Experience Programme 2018 - 2019

Work Experience is a vital part of Secondary Education and enables students to better understand where and how their unique skills and talents might fit into the world of work.

Invariably this proves to be a powerful and sometimes a pivotal experience, opening eyes and minds to career opportunities and paving the way towards future goals and aspirations. Most importantly, it inspires confidence and reassures students that they have, or can develop, skills that employers need. Moreover, it is as important for young people to find out what work environments and practices they are *not* suited to as it is to recognise where their interests lie, and which career path might best match their unique set of talents.

St Aidan's has excellent links with businesses and 3rd sector organisations in North Yorkshire and is an active and long standing member of the Harrogate Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, we provide Year 11 and 6th Form students, access to a comprehensive database compiled by NYBEP (North Yorkshire Business Education Partnership) which can help to broaden the search and inspire different ideas for possible work placements. A link to our simplified, 7 Steps Guide, can be found within the **2018 – 2019 Year 11 Programme Schedule** at the bottom of this page.

The success of last year's programme, represented on the following infographic, was overwhelmingly due to the support and time investment of over 120 Businesses and Organisations. Our **2018 Work Experience Employment Partners** took great care to provide a well-planned and fulfilling week of authentic work and associated opportunities for which we are enormously grateful.

Students surveyed afterwards were asked to evaluate, and then grade review, their placement experience, based on the following criteria:

- ★ The company was expecting me on my first day and I felt welcomed
- ★ I received an induction including health & safety, introduction to staff and facilities
- ★ I was allocated a named supervisor/mentor to help me throughout the week & answer any questions
- ★ A schedule of my week was explained at the start and I knew what I would be doing each day
- ★ I had a varied work schedule
- ★ I was given feedback about my performance/progress/achievements during the week
- ★ I enjoyed the programme of work I was assigned

2017– 2019 Work Placement Review Results



Infographic Summary of 2017/18 Work Experience Programme

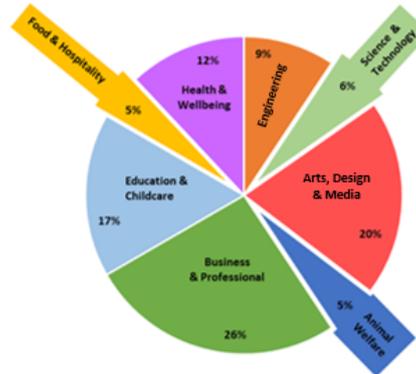
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85% of students say they now recognise the value of work placements and will seek further opportunities in Year 12

94% report a 'greater belief in myself and my employment related skills'

97% feel they now have 'confidence in my ability to talk about work and evidence my experience'

Placements by Industry Category



**120
Companies**



**76
Girls**



**74
Boys**



Our most successful placement to date! Hallam has joined in everything; is mature, interested and engaged. A role model for others!

We are delighted with Aidan's progress this week and impressed that he has been keen to learn.

Izzy has been a true asset to the news team proactive and willing to tackle every task

Joe has been a pleasure to have at Rudding Park Golf and is a credit to the school

I researched and developed a podcast script, set up an interview and recorded to a deadline.

I was taught how to tie a falconer's knot and persevered until I could do it without difficulty.

I created an interior room scheme, making mood boards and ordering fabric samples

I assisted in the design and rigging of lights to one of the hemp bars in the Opera House and calculated all the distances for placement.

I researched, designed and successfully delivered an updated company logo, following a detailed brief from a glazing firm

I helped manufacture panels for the London Underground and interpreted technical diagrams to wire up several terminals.

I was asked to shoot images of flowers which were subsequently selected for commercial use by the company.



2018 – 2019 Year 11 Work Experience Programme

The 2018 - 2019 Year 11 Work Experience Programme will be launched to students in October 2018 and takes place during **one** week, within a **three** week period between Monday 1st and Friday 19th July 2019.

Work Experience is a voluntary activity but is highly recommended and strongly advised. Students aim to find a one week placement within the three week period falling after GCSE exams and before the end of term. Students going on the Ardeche Trip can still take part by choosing one of the weeks which fit in with the dates of their holiday.

If, after reading & downloading any of the documents or information below, you have further queries about the programme, please refer to our list of '**Frequently Asked Questions**'.

Dates for the 2018 – 2019 programme are as follows:

Work Experience Presentation to Parents:	Wednesday 19 th September 2018
Letter of Information + Parent Consent Slip: (distributed to students in Form period)	Wednesday 3 rd October 2018
Assembly Launch to Year 11 students:	Thursday 4 th October 2018
Deadline for returning Parent Consent Slip:	Friday 19 th October 2018
Guide to Applying for Work Experience booklet	On return of Parent Consent Slip
Work Placement Form:	On return of Parent Consent Slip
7 Steps to Arranging Work Experience	
Twice Weekly Lunchtime Advice Sessions: (Drop in 12.30pm - 1pm, Appointments 1pm - 1.30pm)	Each Tuesday & Friday in Careers
Deadline for returning Work Placement Form:	Wednesday 19 th December 2018

All documents and presentations are available to download by clicking on the appropriate links above.

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