

WORK EXPERIENCE



at Parklands High School



Why do Work Experience?



- You get to sample working life.
- You get to try out something you are interested in as a career.
- It looks really good on your CV when applying for a part time job or for mock interviews and college/apprenticeship applications in Year 11.
- It may even lead to a part or full time job in the future.
- You will gain valuable employability skills.
- You can build up contacts (networking).

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- It gives a purpose to your education, showing the link between how your GCSE studies prepare you for the world of work.
- It enables you to find out what you **don't** want to do, as well as what you do want to do!



Take it seriously ...



All work experience is valuable, no matter what you are doing.

- Positive attitude to work, being polite
- Flexibility and enthusiasm
- Initiative - ability to think for yourself in the workplace
- Reliability - turning up on time
- Communication skills - confident to talk to people, willing to ask for help and listen to instructions and advice
- Team worker - gets on well with others
- Literacy, numeracy and computer skills

Next steps

So when is work experience?

18th - 22nd July 2022

Following this assembly, you will get a letter to take home explaining about work experience week. This must be signed by parents/carers and returned to Miss Berry (Top Office) by **Thursday 31st March**.



How do I find work experience?

Start to research potential work placements:

- Speak to family or neighbours - do they have any contacts, or are there opportunities where they work? Ask what jobs they do? Does it sound like something you'd like?
- If you have a part time job that you enjoy, ask if there is a different role in the company you could try
- Google local companies and make a list of any that sound interesting - find out who the manager is
- Visit some potential employers and ask if they accept students for work experience



Where could I work?

In the past, students have completed their work experience in the following:

Retail stores and supermarkets
Veterinary surgeries
Hairdressing salons
Restaurants and cafes
Gyms/leisure centres
Garages/repair workshops
Banks/building societies

Dental surgeries
Schools and nurseries
Hotels
Solicitors/legal practices
General offices
Council offices
Engineering works

There is very little you cannot do!



Where could I work?



All the photos you have seen in this presentation are of previous Parklands students in their work experience placements. If you are interested in a career in a particular area, this is the perfect opportunity to see if it suits you - and if not, you can re-think your plans!

Work Experience Top Tips



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmk_-bOceC0

