



Rye College
Year 10
Work Experience

27th June - 1st July 2022

Why is work experience important?

- ▶ Young people are more likely to be successful in their job hunt if they have some meaningful work experience.
- ▶ If you haven't got a clue what career you want to do, work experience is a perfect way to sample some of the career options out there. It's a way of exploring different jobs without actually committing to anything.
- ▶ It's the best way to get a real sense of your chosen industry. You'll get to speak to employees and ask them questions. You won't know what it's like until try!



What is Work Experience and why are we doing it?

- ▶ Next June you will spend a whole week out of school and at work
- ▶ You get to choose where you work - this could be with friends or family, but the company must have Employer Liability Insurance
- ▶ This is compulsory for all students
- ▶ It is free (unless you choose a place in Kent without a H+S check)
- ▶ Following the lockdowns there is a real need to build your aspirations and gain some direction for your post-16 options
- ▶ Develop your Rye SMART Attributes

Why Do We Do Work Experience?

- ▶ Doing work experience shows passion and interest. Evidence that you have done work experience shows the employer that you are motivated to get into a chosen career and that you've done your homework.
- ▶ If you're not sure what you want to do in the future, you might find something you are passionate about and get motivated.
- ▶ Work experience gently introduces you to the world of work. You get to learn the dos and don'ts, get workplace savvy and learn to navigate your way through the jungle of office politics. Vitally, it'll give you an idea of the skills you might need to thrive in the workplace.
- ▶ It gives you a chance to practice your employability skills in real life!

More benefits of Work Experience

- ▶ It will help you identify your own skills and perhaps even highlight the areas that you might want to work on. It'll give you a good understanding of your strengths and weakness.
- ▶ You might wow them so much that you'll manage to wrangle yourself a job!
- ▶ It has led to students securing apprenticeships.
- ▶ It's all about networking: It will help you build up contacts and, you never know, they might even give you a heads up about a future job or recommend you to another company.
- ▶ Work experience gives you something to put on your CV and write about within your personal statements.

What Do I Need To Do Now?



By Friday 1st October 2021:

- ▶ Check that your username and log in work on ASPIRE:
- ▶ You will be receiving a letter with your log-in details PLEASE keep this safe! If you lose this please see Mrs Starkey for your details. We will also email a copy to your families.
- ▶ Try and secure an own placement in the sector (job) you are interested in. Call around local businesses to see if they are able to take you for the week and that they have employers liability insurance - You will need to get key details such as their address, person who will be overseeing you, phone number and what the job entails.
- ▶ For anyone who is not able to secure an own placement it will be possible for you to make some choices on the ASPIRE database.
- ▶ You will need to look through the range of jobs available on ASPIRE - Make 4 choices. And rank them 1-4.
- ▶ You will need to give reasons for your choices - We will try and place you with your favourite but this can't be guaranteed.
- ▶ Mrs Starkey will speak to you again in September for an update

Deadline: 1st October

- ▶ By the 1st October you need to have logged into ASPIRE and entered your own placement details.
- ▶ If you are unable to secure an own placement then you need to have made your 4 choices from the Aspire database.
- ▶ Please discuss your choices with your parents - It is really important that you think of the following things:
- ▶ Travel
- ▶ Clothing
- ▶ Will it help you towards your future goals?

- ▶ Any questions please see Mrs Starkey

