

Education Business Associates

Information for Year 10 Work Experience 2017.

Education Business Associates is working in partnership with St Paul's Catholic College to approve students own found work experience placements and will also be brokering placements on behalf of Y10 students.

We strongly believe that quality work experience is an important part of a young person's preparation for adult and working life and is vital in developing the employability skills they need in today's competitive job market. From experience we know that finding a work experience placement can be very confusing !

In the current climate many businesses are finding it difficult to accommodate student's requests for placements some employers prefer a direct approach from pupils themselves whilst others only offer placements to schools directly and others only to family and friends of staff. It can be a confusing time for a young person seeking their first experience of work so we have compiled this list of popular local businesses and their approaches to Work Experience which we hope will be useful.

Barclays Bank offer placements through their Life Skills Programme – pupils can register and log on and after completing on line modules can apply for a placement in an area of their choice. They also advertise placements available with other organisations and there is also a useful CV builder tool on the site which can help you produce a CV for sending to employers

[http://www.barclayslifeskills.com/about/.](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com/about/)

BP offers work experience to local students via the application link on their website

<http://bpes.bp.com/shlLnk/apply/>

British Airways - placement details and application instructions on their website - applications open **12 December and close on 21 December so be quick!!**

<https://jobs.ba.com/jobs/studentsgraduates/workexperience/howtoapply/>

St Peters Hospital has a 3 day programme called 'introduction to the health service' which requires pupils to apply directly via the website . <http://www.ashfordstpeters.nhs.uk/work-experience>

Sky most placements are intended for older students but any available opportunities for under 16's do get posted on their website <http://jobs.sky.com/starting-out/work-experience-opportunities>

Other useful sites with Careers information and tips

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

<https://www.plotr.co.uk/>

<https://gothinkbig.co.uk/>

<http://guru.bafta.org/>

The above information is intended to be a helpful guide and is not in any way an endorsement of the programmes or guarantee of a placement with them. Deadline dates for applications are strictly enforced and many operate on a first come first served basis.

Don't worry too much if you are unable to gain your first choice of placement. In Year 10 your emphasis should be on gaining an insight into the world of work and developing your employability skills.

Start thinking about it early and do plenty of research on line and ask your family and friends for contacts and ideas. Be prepared to send a CV or application letter if this is requested – the employer will wish to know why you are interested in their company.

A list of local available placements will follow shortly

Happy searching !

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