



**Y10 Work  
Experience  
24 - 28  
May 2027**

# What is expected at work experience

- Work experience takes place Monday 24 May – Friday 28 May 2026.
- All students are encouraged to take part in the work experience programme and to find a placement in a career sector they have an interest in.
- Employers have fed back to the school that they prefer it when a student reaches out to them themselves. They are more inclined to offer a place to students who reach out via phone, email or face to face.

# Why work experience matters

This is a hugely valuable opportunity for students in Year 10 to get a taste of the world of work.

Work experience is a **stepping stone to the future**. It allows students to:

- Explore career paths they're interested in.
- Gain a better understanding of what a real working environment is like.
- Make more informed decisions about their next steps after school – whether that's further education or apprenticeships.

# Benefits for students

Taking part in work experience helps students develop a wide range of skills, such as:

- **Communication** – learning how to speak to adults, customers, colleagues, and supervisors.
- **Teamwork** – working alongside others and contributing to shared goals.
- **Time Management & Punctuality** – learning the importance of being reliable and organised.
- **Problem Solving & Resilience** – dealing with new challenges in unfamiliar settings.
- **Confidence & Independence** – growing as individuals outside the classroom.

These are **essential skills** that employers look for and that support success in any pathway – academic or vocational.

# Why we encourage students to find their own placements

We actively **encourage students to find their own placements** in sectors that interest them because:

- It gives them ownership and responsibility for their learning.
- It helps build confidence in contacting employers – an important life skill.
- Most importantly, they are more likely to enjoy and benefit from the experience if it's in an area they're passionate about.
- We are, of course, here to support with ideas, guidance, and help with how to contact employers if needed.

## How can parents support?

Your role is incredibly valuable in this process. You can support your child by:

- Talking to them about their interests and ambitions.
- Helping them search for placements or use personal/family networks.
- Encouraging them to contact employers politely and professionally.
- Supporting them through the application or interview process if required.

# Where to go for work experience

- Local primary schools & nurseries have offered a limited number of placement opportunities. If your child is interested in attending a placement at a primary school or nursery, they must speak to Miss Rushton or myself. Primary schools will only accept students who have been referred through us, so please ensure your child makes contact before approaching the school direct.
- James Bateman **DO NOT** accept Year 10 students on work experience.
- Biddulph is a relatively small town, which means local work experience opportunities can be limited and highly competitive. To ensure all students have access to a wide range of valuable placements, we encourage them to consider opportunities outside of the town and explore options in the surrounding areas.
- Please be aware that some businesses may be unable to offer a placement due to GDPR requirements, confidentiality policies or insurance restrictions. While many employers are willing to support students, these regulations can sometimes limit their ability to accommodate work experience placements.

# Logging a placement

All students have a Unifrog log in (username is their school email address) and placements will be logged through the digital platform once it has been secured. The process is quick and easy for students, employers and parents.

We recommend once a placement has been secured students log the placement onto Unifrog from 1 November 2026. The deadline for placements to be logged and signed off is Friday 7 May 2027. Any placements logged after this date will not be able to go ahead, due to the checks that have to be carried out.

The following information is required when logging a placement:

- Name of business/organisation
- Dates the placement will take place (24 – 28 May 2027)
- Employer placement contact name, email address and phone number
- Business/organisation address
- Parent/guardian name and email address

Parents can also set up their own Unifrog profile. Information will be communicated home via Arbor.

# Have a wonderful summer!

Year 9 you made it!

The first year at Biddulph High School is complete! Have a wonderful summer and we will see you back in September in Year 10!

Miss Campbell & Miss Rushton.