

Year 10 Work Experience Week

11th-15th March 2019



What is the purpose of work experience?

Orchard School Bristol runs a work experience week for all Year 10 students each year. This academic year, it is from 11th-15th March.

The primary aim of the work experience is to help students prepare for the transition from school to work. It is also becoming increasingly important for employers to see that students are well rounded individuals who have learnt skills from gaining experience directly from the workplace.

Some benefits of work experience:

1. Helps students gain a better understanding of the world of work and how businesses operate.
2. Learn what an employer will expect of an employee, i.e. punctuality, dress code, organisation etc.
3. Learn new skills such as making presentations, using a photocopier, speaking to customers on the phone and in person taking messages, working with others, following instructions etc. As well as 'soft skills' such as working in a team, problem solving, improving communication and motivation.
4. To help decide what kind of work they want / don't want to do in the future.
5. Understand more about the skills needed for different jobs in order to make a more informed decision about a choice of college, career or part time job
6. Develop self-confidence, as many students will appreciate being treated as an adult and respond well to being given responsibility as well as being given the opportunity to try something new.

How you can help:

- 1 Are they able to come and work with you / a family friend / a colleague / friend of yours for the duration of the week?
- 2 Encourage them to be logging into the Veryan website (this is a database of previous work experience placements / various sectors which include contact details and information of work experience)
- 3 Encourage them to get it organised soon. There is competition and deadlines for certain work experience so to guarantee a place it is best to be organised earlier.