

# Year 12 Work Experience

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023



Placements are proving to be more difficult to source due to the change in companies working models, however we still had 207 students successfully placed in face-to-face placements and 25 students completing Virtual Work Experience with Lloyds Bank and Springpod working remotely at home.

The students enjoyed a varied spectrum of working environments including The Prince's Trust, NatWest Bank, Bromley Healthcare, The Telegraph and many more...

The main aim is to help the students prepare for the change from school to employment and give them first hand experience of the differences as part of their education. The programme helps students develop their skills, talents and aptitude in a very short space of time away from school and broadens their understanding of the world of work.

The programme is introduced to students during the Autumn Term with particular emphasis being placed on each student to take ownership in finding a placement that incorporates their aspirations and career thoughts for the future. All we ask is that the employers have Employers Liability Insurance in place.

Students are encouraged to write CVs to help when applying for their placements.

Year 12 students are encouraged to visit the Careers Office to discuss placements and ensure an appropriate placement is matched with geographical area of choice, skills, and capabilities and provides an opportunity for students to continue their investigation into careers.

## What industries did the students choose?

A wide variety of placements were taken by the students, many of these were found by the student themselves. This gave them the opportunity to explore a positive working environment.

## Range of companies used

Animals/Vets	5
Business/Personal Services	15
Construction/Building Maintenance	18
Design/Print	2
Engineering/Architecture	10
Estate Agents	3
Financial Services	29
Garages/Transport	4
Health/Medical/Community Care	15
IT/Telecoms	4
Legal Services	5
Leisure/Sport/Hotels/Catering	15
Manufacturing/Assembly	3
Media/TV/Newspapers	21
Public Sector	7
Recruitment	5
Retail	9
Schools/Education/Training	30
Virtual Work Experience	23
Volunteering/Charity	7

### Where did the students go?

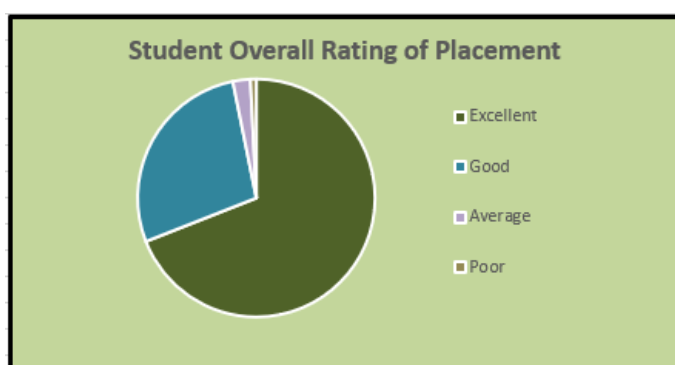
Students not only secured placements in the immediate local area, but also further afield in London and surrounding areas. A substantial number of students gained a wider view of the working world by undertaking the daily 'commute'.

### Range of Work Experience locations

Beckenham	10
Biggin Hill	8
Bromley	40
Croydon	7
Orpington	16
London City	33
London East	4
London North	3
London South	35
London West	17
Other	19

### What did the students and employers say about work experience?

Upon their return to school, each student completes an evaluation form which is discussed in tutor time. The aim is to give them the opportunity to talk about their experiences and identify any personal development areas they may need to address. This is also a good opportunity to encourage students to find out more about careers, either in the area within which they worked, or elsewhere. The tutors and employers also have their say when the student receives a tutor call whilst on his/her work experience placement.



### Examples of student feedback

"I didn't realise how much there is to learn"

"Lovely staff, feel one of the team"

"Enjoyed the structure of the week and the insight of the company I was given"

"Really enjoyed seeing what dad does"

### Examples of employer feedback

"I have been extremely impressed with the attitude and aptitude XX has shown"

"Polite, respectful and engaging young person"

"XX is a very diligent, confident and determined individual"

"It's been a pleasure having XX, they have been a superstar"

### Work Experience in 2024

The date for **next year's** work experience is 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Is it possible that you or your employer could assist us with a placement? If you can help, please contact the Careers Office ([careers@rws.uk.net](mailto:careers@rws.uk.net)).