

# Work Experience



Work Related Learning is a valuable part of Colton Hills School curriculum. Work Experience and work shadowing are two of the most effective ways we have of introducing students to the opportunities that await in the workplace. Both, enable students to enhance and focus their learning as they move through Key Stages 4 and 5 towards adulthood. They allow students to explore potential career choices in a structured way and develop essential skills such as communicating with people who are not their peers outside of the school environment, writing letters of application, creating an up-to-date CV, attending interviews, planning transport and meal arrangements. All of which are essential skills in the fast-moving world of work.

Work experience is offered to students from Year 10 to Year 13.

## **Year 10 Students**

All Year 10 students will undertake 1 -5 day's face-to-face work experience placement (Spring Term) and/or partake in a virtual experience for a career they would like to find out more about.

## **Year 11 Students**

Students in year 11 are provided with support to access a variety of work-related opportunities virtual and face-to-face throughout the academic year. Students in year 11 usually start placement within the Summer term after completing their exams.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Form Students**

All year 12 students will participate in a face-to-face work experience placement during the first week in July. We also encourage all students to take part in virtual work experiences, that will usually occur during their own time in the school holidays.

Throughout the Work Experience process students can contact Miss Lopez (CEIAG Aspirations Leader) for support, such as help finding a placement, and to prepare for their time on the virtual placement/week in the workplace.

Please contact Miss Lopez (CEIAG Aspirations Leader) for further help, advice, or support.



## **USEFUL LINKS**

- ***Finding Virtual Work Experiences***
- ***Year 10 Work Experience Student Info Booklet (available from October 2022)***
- ***Year 11 Work Experience Student Info Booklet (available from January 2023)***



# Virtual Work Experience



In today's strange times we realise real-life work experience is much more difficult to find however, lots of companies are finding innovative ways of delivering work experience which pupils can take advantage of. Some of these courses have charges but a lot of them are free.

Some of the leading suppliers are:

- [Springpod](#)
- [Speakers for Schools](#)
- [InvestIN \(£\)](#)
- [Premed \(£\)](#)
- [Skills Gap \(£\)](#)
- [Forage](#) (don't be put off that this looks like it's only for undergraduates, there are options for school pupils as well)
- [My Pocket Skill](#) - Click on the link below for the latest paid work opportunities via the [MyPocketSkill](#) portal.

[More opportunities....](#)



## [Aviation & Aerospace Virtual Work Experience](#)

This programme will take a closer look at the role of the Civil Aviation Authority as a regulator of aerospace and aviation, providing pupils with an insight into how they promote innovation in the industry, and ensure that standards and safety is always adhered to.

[Find out more](#)

## [First Steps Into A Green Career Online Workshop Series](#)

An affordable and accessible online opportunity for individuals interested in a career in the environmental sector.

[Find out more](#)

### [BDO Accountancy Insight Programme](#)

Taking part in BDO's Insight Programme will give pupils the opportunity to gain knowledge of the accountancy industry and valuable life skills. Pupils who take part will also have the chance to secure a 2024 summer internship and/or a paid Brand Ambassador role.

[Find out more](#)

### [3M Virtual Engineering Work Experience](#)

3M is a science and technology company behind lots of familiar brands. They have teamed up with the Engineering Development Trust to create a 2-week virtual work experience programme for pupils aged 16+.

[Find out more](#)



### [NHS Work Experience](#)

The NHS Trust normally offer extensive work experience programmes for pupils interested in joining the various healthcare professions. This is more difficult than it used to be so the local widening participation team have worked with leading virtual work experience provider Springpod to develop a range of experiences for local pupils.

[Allied Health Professionals](#)

[Nursing Midwifery](#)

[Doctors](#)

### [Work Experience At JLR](#)

Jaguar Land Rover has relaunched its on-site work experience programme for young people, including opportunities during the summer. The programmes are open to young people interested in engineering careers and currently studying in academic years 10 – 13.

[Find out more](#)

### [Morgan Stanley Summer Academy](#)

The Summer Academy is a six-week webinar series designed for students in Year 11-13. They're looking for inquisitive minds who are interested in gaining an understanding of Morgan Stanley, the industry, and key topics through a series of tailored modules.

[Find out more](#)



### [Coca-Cola Virtual Work Experience](#)

This programme has been designed to help pupils explore different career interests in depth. Pupils can start these programmes anytime and work through them at their own pace.

[Find out more](#)

### [Work Experience In The Theatre](#)

Theatre group ATG which owns several theatres in London as well as those in Birmingham and Manchester offers work experience to pupils aged 14 and above. Pupils can discover more about the opportunities available and register their interest so they will be told once registration opens.

[Find out more](#)

### [Ready, Set, Law - Virtual Work Experience](#)

This virtual experience from Clifford Chance offers pupils an introduction to the commercial issues affecting the future of the law. This programme aims to provide participants with the insight, information, tools, support, and guidance pupils need when considering a career in law.

[Find out more](#)



### [McDonalds Virtual Work Experience](#)

In this programme you will learn how McDonald's can help you develop valuable skills to help you now and, in the future, no matter what industry you want to work in.

[Find out more](#)

### [The Weekly Surgery](#)

Premed Project have introduced The Weekly Surgery, a live online course that takes place every Monday at 7.30pm. Use the code WEEKLY90

Pupils aged 14-18 can join hundreds of students from all over the world who are interested in applying for med school & interact with doctors, medical students, and each other every week.

[Find out more](#)

### [Insight Into University](#)

Insight into University is a comprehensive on-line course allowing students to experience STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It will provide access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers, and current students.

Whether you are interested in life sciences, chemistry, engineering, physics, computer science, sustainability, aerospace, built environment or maths there will be something for you. Participants also can achieve their Silver Industrial Cadets Award.

[Find out more](#)



### [Work Experience With Bentley Motors](#)

The Bentley virtual work experience gives students the opportunity to get an extraordinary insight into this unique company. Bentley are looking for passionate, authentic individuals between the ages of 16-18 who are interesting in careers in Business and Project Management, Purchasing, Sales and Marketing and Finance.

[Find out more](#)

### [Preparing For Your Future](#)

Preparing For Your Future is a FREE online learning programme for 14-16-year-olds. It is made up of five courses which will boost your skills and career confidence.

[Find out more](#)

### [Discover Dentistry](#)

This 6-week course by the University of Sheffield will help pupils learn the essentials of dentistry from leading dental experts.

You'll explore the intricacies of what dentists do, learn how to become a dentist, and discover the rich history of dentistry.



[Find out more](#)

### [Interested In Becoming A Meteorologist?](#)

Weather affects our lives almost every day through what we wear, what we eat and what we do. But why is it rainy, windy, or sometimes even sunny? Explore some of the physical processes driving UK weather systems and get hands on in the world of weather with practical activities and fieldwork.

[Find out more](#)

### [Learnathon From Capgemini](#)

A series of informal one-hour webinars for pupils in Year 11 and above, with a wide range of topics covering market trends/knowledge, key employability skills and career insights. They are hosted by Capgemini staff and will offer an invaluable insight into a career in business leadership and technology.

[Find out more](#)

### [BSMS Virtual Work Experience](#)

This course provides a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. Along the way, you will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face.

[Find out more](#)

### [Operation Wallacea](#)

Operation Wallacea has been leading remote expeditions for school groups for 20 years. Their virtual placements will give pupils aged 16-18 interested in science, geography, English, marketing, and project management insight into working life and develop a range of core skills relevant to careers in STEM.

[Find out more](#)

### [Career Days & Work Experience](#)

Career Days offer pupils aged 14-17 experience of different careers and the opportunity to gain work experience in their chosen field. Their courses include medicine, law, performing arts, psychology, business, and veterinary science. Participants will learn all about their chosen profession in the morning and then take part in work experience in the afternoon.

[Find out more](#)



### [Speakers For Schools Virtual Work Experience](#)

Speakers for Schools is an organisation dedicated to supporting state school educated pupils to give them access to the same benefits as their privately educated counterparts. They are expanding their range of virtual work experience opportunities with some of the UK's leading employers.

Courses are spread across a wide range of sectors and this summer's opportunities include Creative & Digital Media, Music in the Army,

Shipping & Logistics and Architecture with BDP.

[Find out more](#)

### [Medicine, Dentistry And Veterinary Work Experience](#)

Pupils interested in either medicine, dentistry or veterinary science can take part in virtual work experience and network with professionals who can support their ambitions with Medic Mentor.

[Find out more](#)

### [ICAEW Careers +](#)

ICAEW Careers+ is a free hub that will help get you started in your journey towards becoming a chartered account. Discover the key skills that employers are looking for and which will take you one step closer to achieving your goals.

With content developed by ICAEW, together with students and employers, you will gain insight into those skills, how to develop them and how you can become a well-rounded professional.

[Find out more](#)

### [Lloyds Banking Group Virtual HQ](#)

The Lloyds Banking Group Virtual HQ is a free online experience with plenty to discover from career path options to interactive information about life at Lloyds Banking Group.

[Find out more](#)

### [Visit Google's Virtual Careers Fair](#)

Find out more about the roles available at Google and how they recruit.



[Find out more](#)

### [Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award](#)

iDEA is an international award-winning programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.

Through a series of online challenges, you can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help you stand out from the crowd.

[Find out more](#)

### [Bar Mentoring Scheme](#)

The Bar E-Mentoring Scheme is designed for Year 12 & 13 pupils and first-year undergraduates to gain practical guidance and advice about a career as a barrister. The Scheme is intended to support those from underrepresented backgrounds, who are interested in pursuing a career at the Bar. You must have attended or be attending a state school.

[Find out more](#)



### [Barclays Like Skills](#)

This is an excellent platform that allows pupils to work through a series of real-life tasks that will help them develop key employability skills. [Find out more](#)

### [Cyber Discovery](#)

Discover your hidden talent for cyber security with over 200 free challenges. Registration is currently closed but if you're interested it's worth signing up to be notified when it opens again. [Find out more](#)

### [Exploring The Veterinary Profession](#)

Learn what it takes to become a vet and explore the challenges of the vet profession to decide if it's the right career for you. [Find out more](#)

### [Halliday Fraser Munro](#)

An online work experience programme for those interested in architecture and design. [Find out more](#)

### [The Smallpiece Trust](#)

The organisation behind the Arkwright Scholarships provides a mixture of free and paid four courses for those with an interest in engineering. [Find out more](#)

### [Online Medical Work Experience](#)

Hospital work experience has always been the most sought after but the most challenging type of experience to find.

Ward Round Live course uses the latest live-streaming technology to bring you into a simulated ward. Pupils will see real cases and can now talk with patients, discuss each case with their fellow students and NHS Doctors.

Courses take place once a month throughout the year. [Find out more](#)

### [Springpod FREE Virtual Work Experience](#)

Take part in live work experience programmes with top employers so that you can add experience and skills to your profile. A wide range of employers and professions are available. [Find out more](#)

### [Virtual GP Work Experience](#)

The Royal College of General Practitioners is offering an opportunity for pupils aged 16 or above to gain work experience via a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team. [Find out more](#)