

CAREERS BULLETIN

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The first careers bulletin of 2025 focuses on work experience and how to find it. Work experience helps young people to learn about industries of interest, and looks great on applications for jobs, apprenticeships and universities.



Thinking of ideas of where to look for a work experience placement can, however, be a challenge...

Rather than trying to find the 'perfect' opportunity, we encourage students to look for a placement that ticks as many boxes as possible.



Instead of focusing on one specific job role, students could consider the wider industry. For example, it may not be possible to get work experience in a hospital, but students could instead explore other healthcare settings like a dental practice, nursing home, or GP clinic. These will all provide valuable, relevant experience to learn from, and reflect on in their future applications.



Students can also think about the transferable skills that are relevant across industries to help find a placement. For example, it is unlikely that students would be able to find work experience as Air Cabin Crew, but they could approach customer services departments, as the staff will use very similar skills in their day to day jobs.

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Students could also think about work experience linked to school subjects that are particularly relevant to their ideas for the future. For example:

History: museums, archive offices, National Trust sites, and archaeological digs.

Drama and performing arts: talent agencies, local theatres, local events spaces, and drama departments in schools and colleges.

Medical sciences and human biology: pharmaceutical companies, dental practices, nursing homes, hospitals (if you have connections), GP or walk-in clinics, opticians, chiropractors, and podiatrists.

Physics, astronomy, chemistry, and engineering: water works, research and development departments at a local factory, energy/oil/gas companies, pharmacies, airports or aerodromes, automobile and aviation manufacturers, science museums.

Maths: finance departments, accounting firms, insurance firms, tax firms, HR departments, banks and building societies.

Art and design: galleries, workshops, branding departments, crafting centres, and architectural firms.

English and modern languages: foreign language classes, translating companies, local newspapers and radio stations, broadcasting companies, libraries, publishing houses, advertising agencies, and local councils.

Computer sciences: app development companies, IT security companies, programming companies, tech start-ups, and school IT departments

All subjects: primary schools, local online newspapers/magazines, local societies or study groups, supermarkets, department stores, libraries, and local councils, charities.

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Support for Students in Years 10 and 12 looking for Work Experience



For students who are feeling stuck about where to look for a placement, help is at hand.

Step 1: Open the latest email in your school account with the subject heading: **NYBEP & ConnectEd Work Experience App Invitation.**

Step 2: Scan the QR code in your email to download the app. This QR code is unique to each student, so please do not share it.

Step 3: Submit your Industry Preferences.

It is important for students to complete the short quiz before their placement to generate ideas, and to be able to reflect on whether their preferences have changed once they complete the placement.

Step 4: Students need to Identify their Skills by completing the Skills Builder Assessment.

Step 5: Make a list of:

- Things you might like to do when you leave school; Your hobbies and interests; Jobs you have seen people doing that look interesting; Skills you would like to develop.
- Now try to think of any work experience opportunities that could link to your ideas.



Once students in Year 10 or 12 have completed steps 1-5, they can complete [this Microsoft Form](#) to request further help from the Careers Team.