

Work Experience 2026



Timing



Five school days – Monday to Friday

Monday 20th – Friday 24th April 2026

Second week of Term 5 (after Easter break)

Justification

All students are entitled to a work experience placement before leaving compulsory education. At Wallingford, we offer this opportunity in Year 10.

Gives you experience of

- a workplace environment
- being a professional and communicating with adults as a colleague

Develops your

- problem solving & resilience
- confidence & independence



WP Organisations



Almost any setting is suitable for a placement providing we can carry out necessary risk assessments, health & safety and insurance checks.

BUT there may be limitations on the activities you undertake.

Most students have a fairly local placement:

Wallingford, Didcot, Reading, Oxford, Abingdon

Some students can go further afield: London, Bristol

You have to be able to get to the placement on your own and fund the cost of the transport.

Securing your Placement

There are two ways of securing your placement:

1. Finding Your Own

- recommended
- greater choice and control
- more impressive



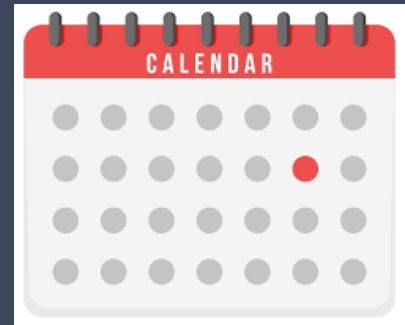
2. School-found Placement

- limited choice
- limited number available

Finding Your Own Placement

1. Identify a possible placement - can be through family, parents' employer, you could make your own approach to a local business
2. Contact the employer and check dates, get a contact name and email address
3. Use this information to complete Mrs Betteridge's form (online on EduLink)
4. Complete form online by **Friday 16th January 2026**

Key Dates



Tuesday 14th October 2025

Launch Assembly

Letter to Families

Friday 16th January 2026

Deadline for completed forms

March 2026

Placements confirmed

April 2026

Work Experience Starts



Key Person

Mrs Betteridge

Leisure Centre Office

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