



## Work Experience

Work experience is an unpaid opportunity for young people to experience working life while they are still at school. Over the next three weeks all students will undertake preparation in school before applying on line through the Webview system, which is managed by MEBP (Medway Education Business Partnership). To find out more about the work of MEBP please go to [www.mebp.org](http://www.mebp.org)

All placements are pre-vetted by professional health and safety inspectors to ensure due care is taken of the health, safety and welfare of the student during the experience. We will send details to MEBP of any health or other conditions that might affect your child on placement. These details are necessary to ensure that the host employer is aware and will not be shared with anyone else.

After your child has selected a placement, the Job Description and Risk Assessment will be sent to you, and you will be asked to sign a Parental Consent Form after reading it, to confirm that you approve of the work and that you consider the arrangements to protect the health and safety of your child are acceptable to you. This **must** be returned to the school before the placement commences.

## Enterprise Week

Work experience placements will be allocated as fairly as possible, but as there are insufficient employers willing to support work experience in Sheppey this year, for those who are unsuccessful we are providing an enterprise week, where they will work in school with employers, running their own 'mini enterprises'. They will develop business plans, take on roles in their enterprises, undertake market research and marketing, prepare products or services, and sell their wares at two trade fairs at the end of the week.

Working purposefully with employers from a wide variety of professional backgrounds gives the young people a real taste of the world of work, and is a worthwhile alternative to work experience. Either activity will form a vital part of your son / daughter's education and preparation for employability and this school is keen to ensure that s/ he has a meaningful experience.

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