



Sheldon School

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Welcome To Year 10 Work Experience information evening

'Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give up on them.'

Rita Pierson



**Headteacher
Pete Lynch**

Welcome

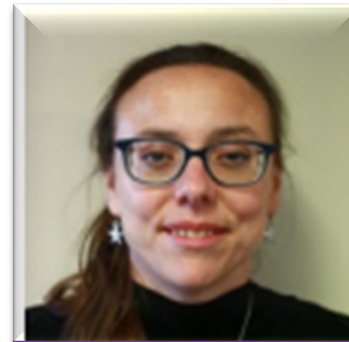
Year 10 Team



Mrs L Hall
Head of Year



Mr W Titcomb
Deputy Head of Year

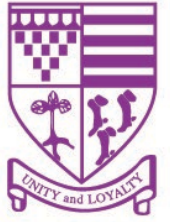


Ms E Wallis
PSW



@sheldonclassof2025

Sheldon School
Chippenham



**Work Experience Programme
2023-2024**

**Mrs Tillotson
Mrs Hall**

AIM



To provide pupils with an insight into the world of work, i.e. its environment, discipline and relationships.



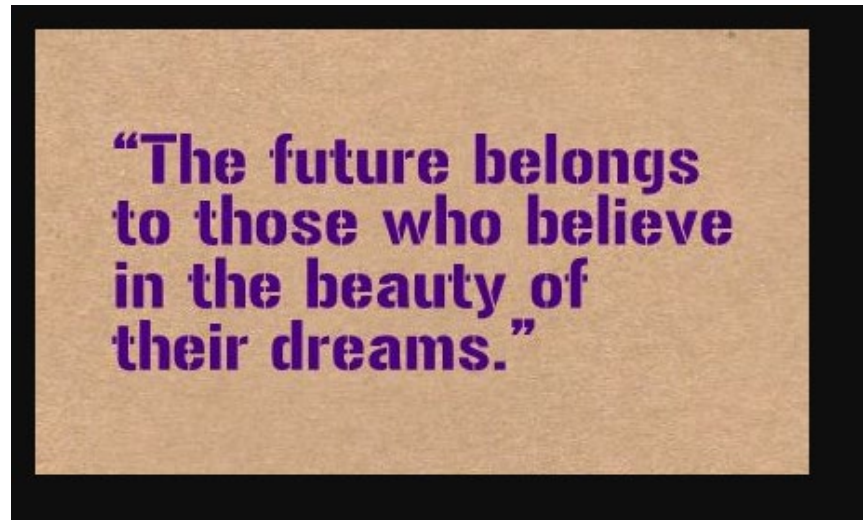
Theodore Roosevelt



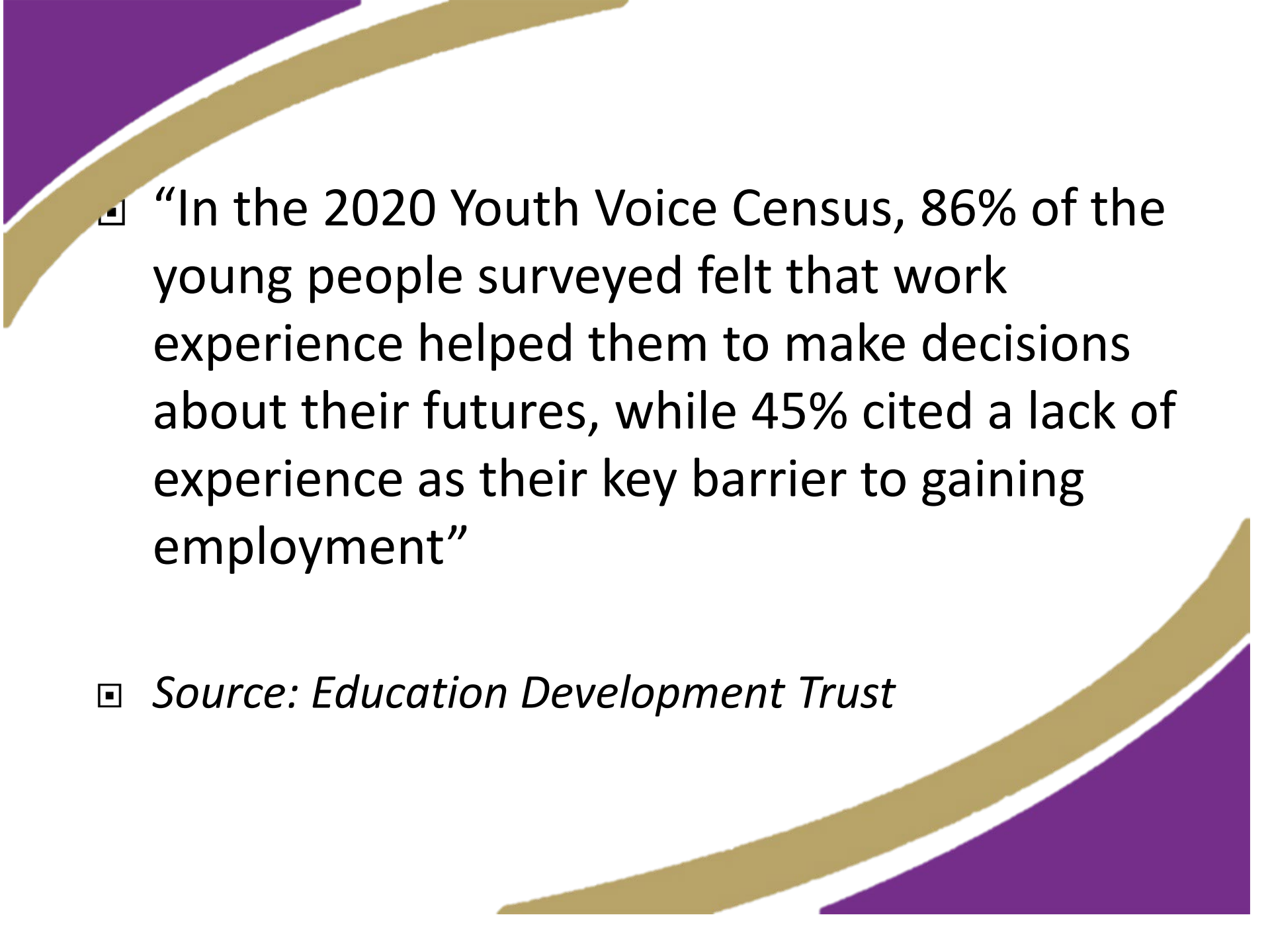
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Catherine Whitehorn CBE –
British journalist



Eleanor Roosevelt



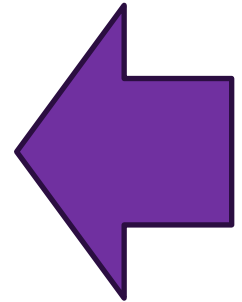
▣ “In the 2020 Youth Voice Census, 86% of the young people surveyed felt that work experience helped them to make decisions about their futures, while 45% cited a lack of experience as their key barrier to gaining employment”

▣ *Source: Education Development Trust*

Youth Voice Census 2022

To what extent do you agree with the following statement:
"Work experience helps you to..."

	Disagree or strongly disagree	Neutral	Agree or strongly agree
Build useful skills	4.1%	20.9%	75.1%
Build networks and contacts	7.8%	29.4%	62.8%
Understand what it feels like to be at work	5.5%	18.9%	75.6%
Build experience that can help you get a job	5.6%	19.3%	75.2%
Make decisions and choices about your future	7%	24.2%	68.8%



Other popular responses were: building confidence, building a good CV and building skills in industry

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To develop the skills, attributes and qualities required for future employment
- ❖ To understand the relevance of education to earning!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ❖ W/c 3rd June or W/c 10th June 2024
- ❖ Assembly
- ❖ Parents Evening
- ❖ Tutor work
- ❖ Database for job ideas
- ❖ Virtual WEX opportunities

OPPORTUNITIES



- ❑ Acorns pre-school – nursery assistant
- ❑ Chippenham Golf Academy – retail assistant
- ❑ Atlas gym
- ❑ Oaktree Kennels – kennel assistant
- ❑ Siemens – engineering dept.



OPPORTUNITIES



- Elkin Architects
- Lucknam Park Hotel
- Garden Vets
- Michelle Donelan (MP)
- Football in the Community – Swindon
- Equine centres

Work Experience

- ▣ 'I went into this week so nervous, but by Tuesday, I looked forward to work everyday. I really enjoyed handling old documents, my favourite being one signed by Elizabeth I! The best part was treated like an adult for the week.'
- ▣ *Freya, Chippenham and Swindon History Centre*



WORK EXPERIENCE



“I really enjoyed my work experience as I learnt lots of new things about cooking and safety procedures”

Marley, All In One Catering

Work Experience



- ▣ 'I enjoyed where I did my work experience because I got to remake a film poster of my choice. They also gave me sweets and let me play on the dart board'
- ▣ *N'Shaan, Milk & Tweed*

Work Experience

- ▣ 'I enjoyed work experience because it is a great way to enter in and explore the world of work. It's an awesome opportunity to try something new and pick up new skills on the way'.
- ▣ *Ella, Whatley Manor*



WORK EXPERIENCE

“I chose this placement because I have an interest in history, particularly local history.

We set up exhibitions & sorted out costumes to set the scene.

I learnt how to work in a team, I learnt about how a museum is run & I learnt how to use the computer system”

Jack, Chippenham Museum & Heritage centre with Luke & Laura



Work Experience

- ▣ 'I really enjoyed my work experience. Before I had my placement, I had limited knowledge in the business sector and was rather indecisive on what job I wanted to do. This experience allowed me to learn new skills such as using exclusive software, calculating tax and showing me all available jobs. I would now love to be an accountant!'
- ▣ *Ollie, Mander Duffill Accountants*



Work Experience

- ▣ 'I really enjoyed my work experience because it was good to be outside and physically active. Building is something I enjoy. I also work for my dad's company outside school and during the holidays, so this helped my knowledge.'
- ▣ *Jacob, KMC Construction*



WES placement database - Level

CATEGORY	COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS
ADMIN	ARMED SPACE & DEFENCE	60XVW1
	FLEET SERVICE	7H4J DL
	WALTHAM PARK	W47 9JY
	MOD	W1P 0
	CAUSE TOWN COUNCIL	BANK H
	FABRINET UK	2J 4AR
	ALLIANCE PHARMACEUTICALS	4V0R8
	STUDIOS 24/7	56 5WV
	CONSERVATIVE PARTY	8J 5WV
	GOOD ENERGY	1J74 9
	GREEN SQUARE	ME7HJ
	A.B.R. SERVICES	UNIT 3
	A.S.L. PRECISION SHEET METAL	4 FLOW
	SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC UK	LANGD
	ACCORN	QW1 0
	ACCORN	BRD FU
	ALD AUTOMOTIVE	DA09P
	ARCOR FLEXIBLES	W1NTE
	BRETON RUGBY CLUB	CUPTO
	BRETON CITY COUNCIL	CITY H
	BURA DENTAL CARE	VANTA
	BABCOCK TRAINING	QAA0R
	BUSINESS WEST	LE9P 0
	MELKHAM INSURANCE BROKER	1 CHUR
	CLAIRE PERRY MP	RENEJ
	PROFESSIONAL BOOKS	W1NTE
	TH WHITE LTD	NURST
	WILTSHIRE NIGHT CENTRE	5T WVC
	ALLEN & HARRIS ESTATE AGENT	4 FORD
	DOLCINANI ITALIAN BAKERY & COFFEE SHOP	OLD TR
	BOUNDARY COFFEE CAFE	10W4R
	THE WELL AT BUCKINGHAM	21 W0R
	RUSHES & HUGHES ESTATE AGENT	57 MAR
	ACCORN RECRUITMENT	23 MAR
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Student Portal

☆ Not followed


GCSE Pod Login

Sheldon School | epraise.co.uk


Sign in to your email

Open your Home Area


My files




SketchUp




Access Student Faculty Areas



Access the Library



Careers



Wellbeing

We have compiled a database with of local companies that have taken students before which you will be given access to soon. There is NO guarantee they will take students this year due to the knock on affects of Covid – but is can be a good place to start.



Due to the pandemic, there has been a huge rise in virtual work experience.

The range of opportunities available is vast and is not limited by location!



These are the main providers of virtual Wex



You will receive updates of the key opportunities when they become available.



STEPS Engineering Your Future

Open Virtual

Are you inquisitive and naturally curious about how things work? Would you like to make a difference...



Framing Futures with Specsavers

Open Virtual

If you've taken a walk down any busy high street, chances are you've heard of Specsavers. What yo...



Aviation & Aerospace Virtual Work Ex...

Open Virtual

Few industries capture our imagination as much as aerospace and aviation - in careers relating to...



Health Education England Nursing Onl...

Open Virtual

We have joined forces with Health Education



Fujitsu WorkX

Open Virtual

Fujitsu is one of the world's largest IT service



Access Insurance Careers

Open Virtual

What do you want from your future career?

Online Career Days



Medicine
Law
Business
Dentistry
Midwifery
Computer science
Teaching
Psychology
Architect
Veterinary

These are one days courses, usually at weekends – there is a charge £59.00



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



Medic Mentor's free virtual conferences are the perfect jumping-off point for aspiring doctors, dentists, and vets. They provide you with application, interview and personal training support. Here is more information:

- Get into Veterinary Medicine (GIV) - start date 22/10
[Brochure](#) | [Registration Link](#)
- Get into Medicine (GIM) - start date 28/10
[Brochure](#) | [Registration Link](#)
- Get into Dentistry (GID) - dates to be announced
[Brochure](#) | [Registration Link](#)



Speakers for Schools have an impressive Broadcast Video Library which includes talks from a HUGE range of people in different careers. Whether you're interested in managing a football club, joining a political party or producing TV programmes, there is something for everyone. [Check it out here.](#)

JOB OF THE WEEK



Screenwriters write the stories for feature films, TV programmes and computer games. You can earn around £30,378 per year and expect to work 37-39 hours per week. Lots of Screenwriters are self employed. There will be 0.8% more Screenwriter jobs in 2026. You can read more about this [here.](#)

All students will be emailed a copy of an up to date careers newsletter periodically

Please encourage them to have a look through and see if there are any opportunities you are interested in (the newsletters are then put onto the school website)

Feedback

- ▣ In 2023 99% of Sheldon students, who were able to, went out on placement
- ▣ 99% of students said WEX was worth doing
- ▣ 95% of students said they enjoyed their week
- ▣ 83% of students felt that their confidence in dealing with adults had improved
- ▣ 78% of students felt that their self confidence had improved

Changing times

- ▣ No work experience took place in 2020 😞
- ▣ In 2021 we had a mixture of physical and virtual placements
- ▣ In 2022 and 2023 the majority of students went out on a physical placement, but some still preferred to do a virtual placement
- ▣ Many of the virtual opportunities are in the holidays or at weekends so some students did both a virtual placement AND a physical placement.


PREPARATION

- ❖ What to expect briefing morning (May 2024)
- ❖ Target setting – for their week
- ❖ Interview practise
- ❖ Tutor work
- ❖ Health and safety briefing - EVERYONE
- ❖ Diary – to be completed each day – really useful for future job applications, UCAS references etc.

DURING THE WEEK



- ▣ Week 1 – 3rd June 2022
- ▣ Week 2 – 10th June 2022
- ▣ Tasks and duties – complete diaries
- ▣ Staff visits/phone calls
- ▣ Communication - there is an emergency telephone number manned



Thank You!



AFTER THE WEEK

- ❖ Thank you letters
- ❖ Diary – check completed
- ❖ Action plan – for the future
- ❖ Certificate

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Introduction to Unifrog:
Parents Evening



What is Unifrog?

- Unifrog believe that destinations - where students end up after school - is even more important than their academic performance. They partner with schools to support students to progress into the best opportunity for them.
- Unifrog do this by providing a one-stop-shop where students can explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their best next-step after school.

The Unifrog tools

Access all tools on Unifrog to learn what options are available, access good quality information, and search for opportunities to support your child.

Exploring pathways	Recording what you've done	Searching for opportunities	Drafting application	Making applications
Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 18 Intentions
Subjects library	Competencies	US universities	Classes	Locker
Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	Subject References	Applications list
MOOC		Oxbridge	CV / Resumé	
Personality profile		Canadian universities	Writing tool	
Interests profile		Asian universities	Common App Essay	
Read, Watch, Listen		Australasian universities	US recommenders	
Webinars		ME and African universities	Notes for Reference writers	
		Irish universities		
		Special Opportunities		
		Events		

Careers Library

- Over 1000 career profiles
- Presents information from a range of sources, including local and national LMI
- Includes qualifications and skills needed, interviews with industry professionals and labour market information
- Explores progression opportunities and what a working week really looks like

Architect


Architects design new buildings and the spaces around them, and work on the restoration and conservation of existing buildings.



UK Universities

English Literature - 3FT/6PT BA (Hons)

Oxford Brookes University
Safe - TEF Silver



English Literature offers the opportunity to study an exciting range of modules, blending the study of classic texts and literary traditions with current theoretical models for understanding literature as a dynamic, global phenomenon. Our course is renowned for its inspirational teaching and research excellence. In the 2013 National Student Survey (Source: Unistats), 93 per cent of students agreed that staff had made the subject interesting.

Full-time undergrads at the uni: 13905 Domestic / Int'l undergrads at the uni: 84% / 16%

[Website](#) [Open Day](#) [Course page](#) [Finance page](#) [Disabilities](#)

Getting in

Overall Application success rate
21%

UK Application success rate
22%

Entry requirements A Level

Full-time 3 Years: Grade B in A-level English Literature or English Language required.

Entry requirements UCAS points
112 points

IMPORTANT: check the course page to see if your qualifications are accepted.


Additional requirements
GCSE: GCSE English - Grade 5 2 x further GCSE - Grade 4, normally to include Maths.

Last year's successful applicants
89.8% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of those a typical result was:
A Level: C

Unofficial overview

"Oxford Brookes is spread across three suburban campuses in Oxford and the small university city has a friendly feel. Oxford Brookes pioneered the module system of study and the academic year is split into two semesters rather than three terms. The university has a strong reputation for sport, and there are also strong links with industry. Despite the fact that the city is tiny, nightlife is lively and students enjoy studying here."

Campus or City: CAMPUS



- Students can enter subject of interest and projected grades to see all relevant university courses available in the UK
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like hours of lectures, price of accommodation and graduate job rates
- Get direct links to university information pages, with impartial information on courses and institutions
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

Apprenticeships

AAT Apprentice - Intermediate Level

Employer: Henson Motor Group
Learning Provider: Delivered by Newcastle College

Key dates

Deadline	25 May
Interview	Check their site
Start	26 May

Qualification required

English and maths at GCSE level - 5 grade (or equivalent) or above.

Skills and personal qualities required

The successful candidate will be proficient in using Microsoft Excel and managing spreadsheets. They will be confident with numbers and have a high level of attention to detail.

- A passion for accountancy
- Professional attitude
- Well organised

Quick facts

£	🕒	👤	📅	🚗
Weekly Wage	Hours a week	Employer Vacancies	Duration	Distance from home
Competitive	Working 9-5:30 Minutes threads	1	12 months	1 miles

Job description

The apprentice will gain experience in a range of duties for which they will be responsible:

- Purchase Ledger
- Credit Control
- Invoice Processing
- Raising Invoices
- Allocation of Payments
- Statement reconciliation
- Processing Transactions

Employer description

Henson Motor Group is one of the UK's largest car supermarkets. Established in 1996 Henson Motor Group were the first to pioneer the new and used car supermarket concept, not only in Newcastle but in the North East.

- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

Special Opportunities

- Includes £5 million-worth of grants, bursaries, scholarships, contextual offers and extracurricular activities
- These can be filtered by circumstances or characteristics, depending on the access requirements of the opportunity
- Includes direct links for applying
- Unlimited shortlists can be created and referred back to

Select special opportunities below

Pick the best opportunities for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.

✓ Rank ▾ Filter ▾

Scholarships (690) <small>Money you don't have to pay back</small>	Activities (13) <small>Summer schools, mentoring, extracurricular</small>	Contextual offers (54) <small>Lower entry requirements</small>
<p> 100 Year Anniversary Of The Great War Award University of Bolton Country: UK</p> <p> A Level Entrance Scholarship Competition Queen's University Belfast Country: UK</p> <p> AB InBev Scholarship University of Bath Country: UK</p>	<p> Action Tutoring Action Tutoring Country: UK</p> <p> BGU Open Days Bishop Grosseteste University Country: UK</p> <p> BGU Summer School Bishop Grosseteste University Country: UK</p> <p> Bishop Grosseteste University Next</p>	<p> Aberystwyth University Contextual Offers Aberystwyth University Country: UK</p> <p> Aston University Contextual Offer Aston University, Birmingham Country: UK</p> <p> Bangor University Beneficial Offers Bangor University Country: UK</p>

Work experience 'Placements' tool

ACCESS ALL THE TOOLS BELOW
Exploring pathways

Interests profile ✗ Quiz not taken Start >	Personality profile ✗ Quiz not taken Start >	Work environments profile ✗ Quiz not taken Start >
Careers library ✗ Careers favourited Go to tool >	Subjects library ✗ Subjects favourited Go to tool >	Know-how library ✓ Guides favourited Go to tool >
MOOC Make your first shortlist Start >	Webinars Hear directly from the experts Go to tool >	Read, Watch, Listen ✗ Profiles favourited Start >
Placements ✓ 1 placement added, 0 completed Go to tool >		

Student initial form

You're adding a Student initial form for a placement

Fill in the information below carefully. When you're done tick 'finished' at the bottom of the form.
 Afterwards we'll ask the placement lead at the employer to fill in the next form.

* In person or Virtual

* Placement coordinator

This is the **school / college** staff member who will be coordinating the placement from your school's / college's side.

* Name of placement business / organisation

* Placement start date

Placement end date

* Describe the time commitment

* Employer placement lead: name

* Employer placement lead: email

Important: this must be correct, or we won't be able to progress the placement.

* Employer placement lead: email (again)

Do you agree to:

- Unifrog sending your details to the employer email address you've provided;
- Abiding by any confidentiality policies held by the employer;
- Observing all safety, security and other policies laid down by the employer;
- Informing the employer and school as soon as possible of any absences?

* Agree Yes, I agree to **all four points** above.

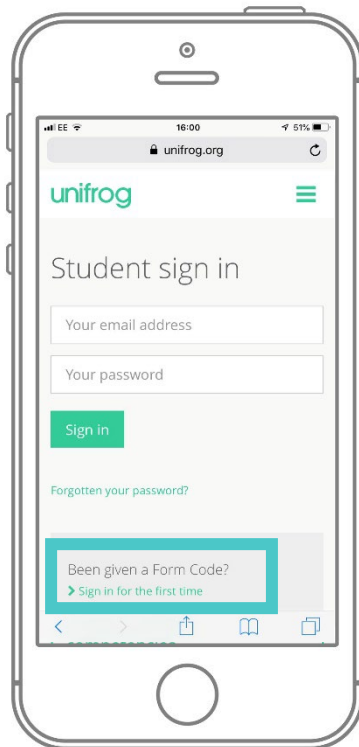
Other cool stuff

The Unifrog platform contains so much more than what we can show you today, that was just four of their many tools.

So why not see for yourself? Sign up as a student and access the tools in exactly the same way that the students do.

You never know, there might be a new career just around the corner!

Parents & guardians get signed up!



Go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

SHDNParents

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ❖ **Support** – their choice of placement and making contact with the employers
- ❖ **Encourage** – to try something different
- ❖ **Attendance and punctuality** – make sure they can actually get to their placement and communicate if unable to attend
- ❖ **Paperwork** – check they have asked you to sign their permission forms
- ❖ **Understand** – they might be more tired, irritable than usual.....



A plea.....

- ▣ It is becoming increasingly difficult to find employers who, for various reasons, are willing to take students on work placement.
- ▣ If you are able to help, please leave your details on the sheet at the back of the room.
- ▣ Thank you!

ANY QUESTIONS?



Feel free to email me if you have any questions or add your email address to the sheets at the back, together with your query, and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

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There is a new careers page on Instagram which will be regularly updated with work experience opportunities and relevant career information

