A Pupils' Journey Through Key Stage 4 to their Post 16 Pathway

Families Consultation Evening

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KS4 TIMELINE

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THROUGHOUT YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 - **BTEC & CAMNAT DEADLINES**

YEAR 10

- **June** — Start KS4 qualifications
- **November** — Family Consultation Evening
- **March** — Careers Carousel
- **March** — Mock Interviews
- **March** — Mock exams
- **26th April** — Work Experience
- **10th & 20th May** — GCSE Citizenship Exam
- **June & July** — Create personal statement

YEAR 11

- **June** — Start of Year 11
- **October & November** — Attend Open events at Post-16 providers
- **October** — Mocks (these projected grades will be used to apply to providers)
- **November** — Family Consultation
- **November & December** — Complete college applications
- **February & March** — Mock exams
- **May & June** — GCSE exams

THROUGHOUT YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 - **BTEC & CAMNAT DEADLINES**

Subjects with Coursework Deadlines in Key Stage 4

BTEC Music & BTEC Dance:

- Component 1 & 3 - 15th May 2027
- Component 2 - 15th December 2027

GCSE Drama

- Component 1 (Coursework) 17th December 2027
- Component 2 performance March 2028

WJEC Construction and the Built Environment

- NEA (Coursework) paper release date May 2027 and submission April 2028

GCSE 3D Design (Art and Design)

- Component 1 (Coursework) Hand in date end of Dec 2027
- Component 2 (Exam and Preparation) Hand in date end of April 2028

BTEC Child Development

- Assignment 1 - 15th May 2027
- Assignment 2 - 15th December 2027

CNAT Sports Studies

- Topic 2 18th December 2026
- Topic 3 12th Feb 2027
- Topic 5 2nd April 2027
- May 7th 2027 Final Submission of R185

BTEC Animal Care

- Assignment 1 February 2027
- Assignment 2 October 2027

CNAT Creative iMedia

- Digital Graphics 12th February 2027
- Further Deadline in Year 11

Health and Social Care

Component 1 (Completed in Year 10)

- Task 1 - 17th December 2026
- Task 2 - 12th February 2027
- Task 3a and 3b - 2nd April 2027

How to support my child at this point of their education?

- 'Control the controllables'
- Strong attendance (over 95%)
- Attend Meet Your Coach Days
- Work experience (in school and out of school)
- Independent Learning
- Flexible Learning clubs, sports, music, debating, youth club
- Volunteering/Leadership opportunities (Coaching, RP, School council)
- Use of social media

What is/should be different in KS4

Levels of independence – Coursework and Intervention sessions.

'Choose to want to' leadership opportunities in Coaching, Flexible Learning etc.

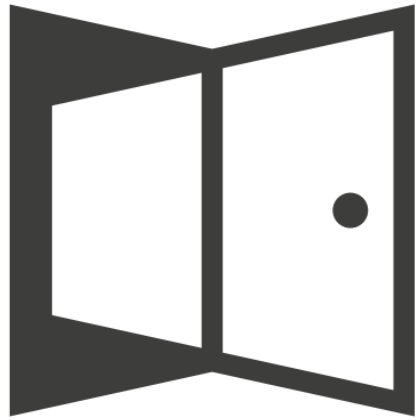
Begin to look into KS5 and beyond.

INTERVENTION



FLEXIBLE FL LEARNING

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE YOU WANT



Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance (CEIAG) in Year 10

Work Experience

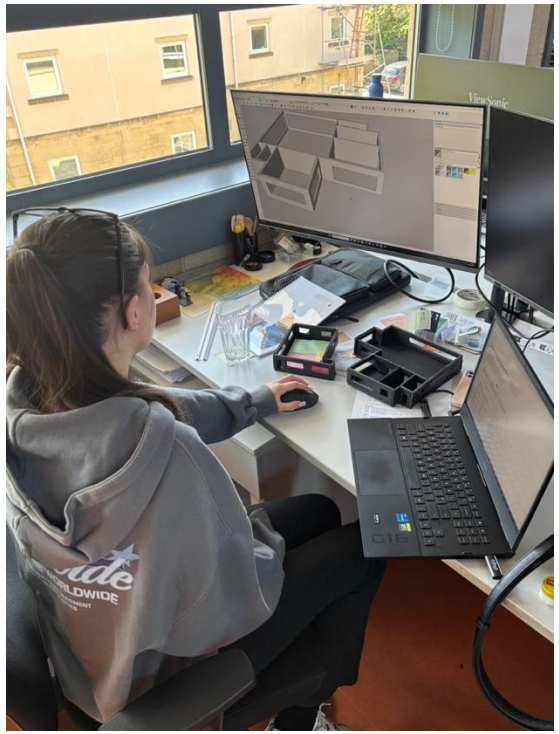


- Five-day external placement 26th to 30th April 2027
- Pupils and families identify and approach employers with school support. Use of Unifrog platform for communications.
- Pupil complete daily and end of week reflections
- Employer will be asked to supply a reference









Impacts of Work Experience

BUILD CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE

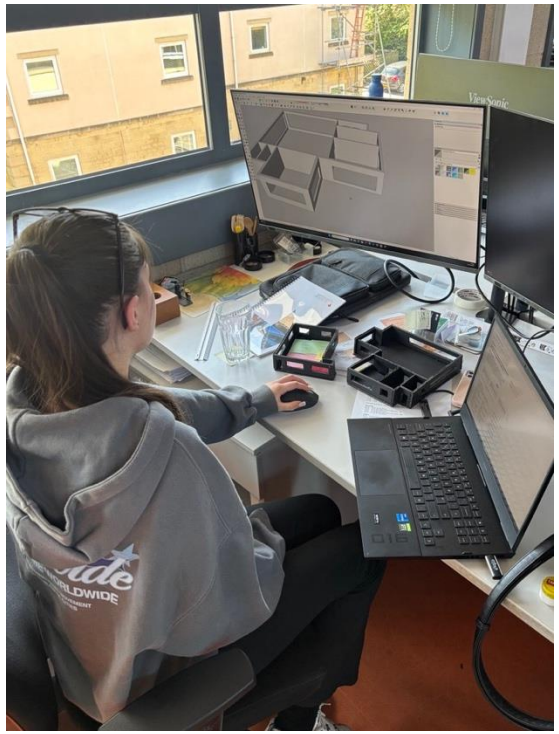
For many pupils, this is the first time they will represent themselves in an adult environment."

- Travelling independently
- Meeting new people
- Adapting to unfamiliar situations
- Taking responsibility for their own actions









Impacts of Work Experience

DEVELOP EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

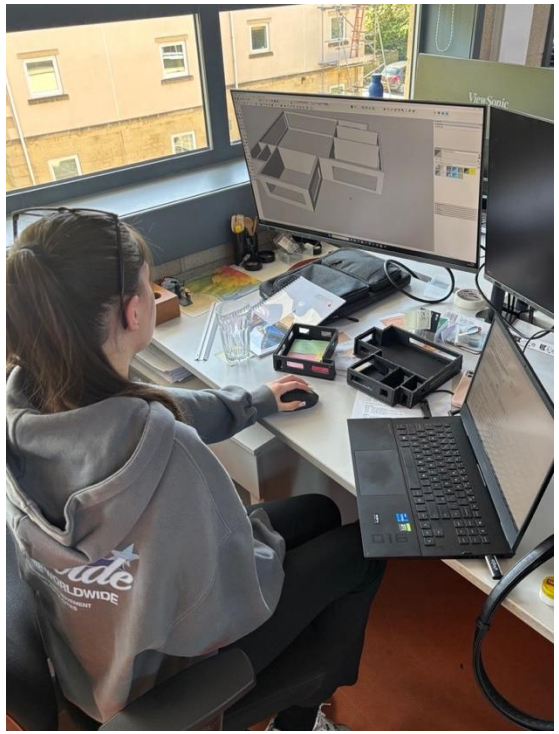
The skills employers consistently say matter most;

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Reliability
- Problem-solving
- Professional behaviour









Impacts of Work Experience

HELPS TO MAKE BETTER FUTURE CHOICES

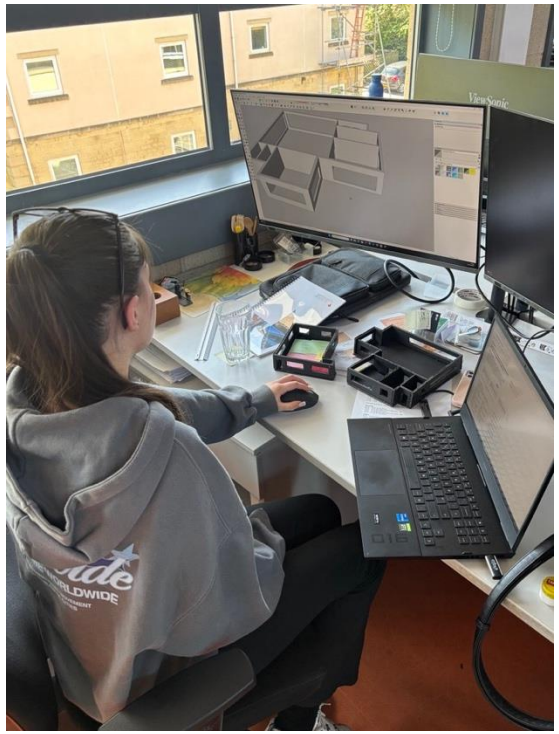
Sometimes the most valuable discovery is learning what you don't want to do.

- Tests assumptions about careers
- Exposes pupils to real workplaces
- Highlights different routes into employment
- Connects learning in school to the wider world









Impacts of Work Experience

EXPANDS ASPIRATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

You can't aspire to something you've never seen.

Introduces new careers

Builds professional networks

Sparks new interests

Broadens horizons beyond immediate experiences

How to decide on what to do for WEX

For maximum benefit try to find a work placement based on:

A possible career route
An area of interest
Support a subject or qualification



Finding a Placement



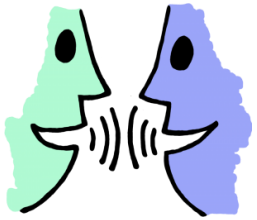
Write to local employers – this could be an email or company website to their info address – you might need to send a follow up email/phone call.



Call in direct/telephone and explain what your enquiry is about and ask to speak to a manager.



Speak to your family and friends – do they have contacts at their own place of work?



Ask your teachers and Coaches – do they have any contacts?

The Administration Behind Work Experience

Using the Unifrog Placements tool to organise your Work Experience

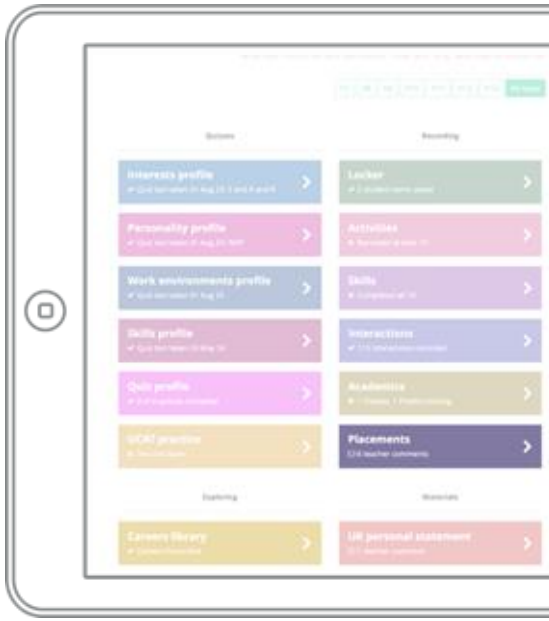
Unifrog's Placements tool is a work experience admin management tool. It helps with **getting all the necessary information and agreements for work experience** to take place.

Pupils should only log a placement in the Placements tool **after** they have agreed a placement with an employer.



Using the Unifrog Placements tool

After the pupil has agreed a placement with an employer, they need to log into their Unifrog account to log the Placement.



This starts off a chain of forms.

After the pupil completes the first form:

- The system emails the employer to complete their form
- The parent/guardian form comes next
- The school/college completes their permission form

Here's what parents/guardians need to know about placements forms.

Next steps

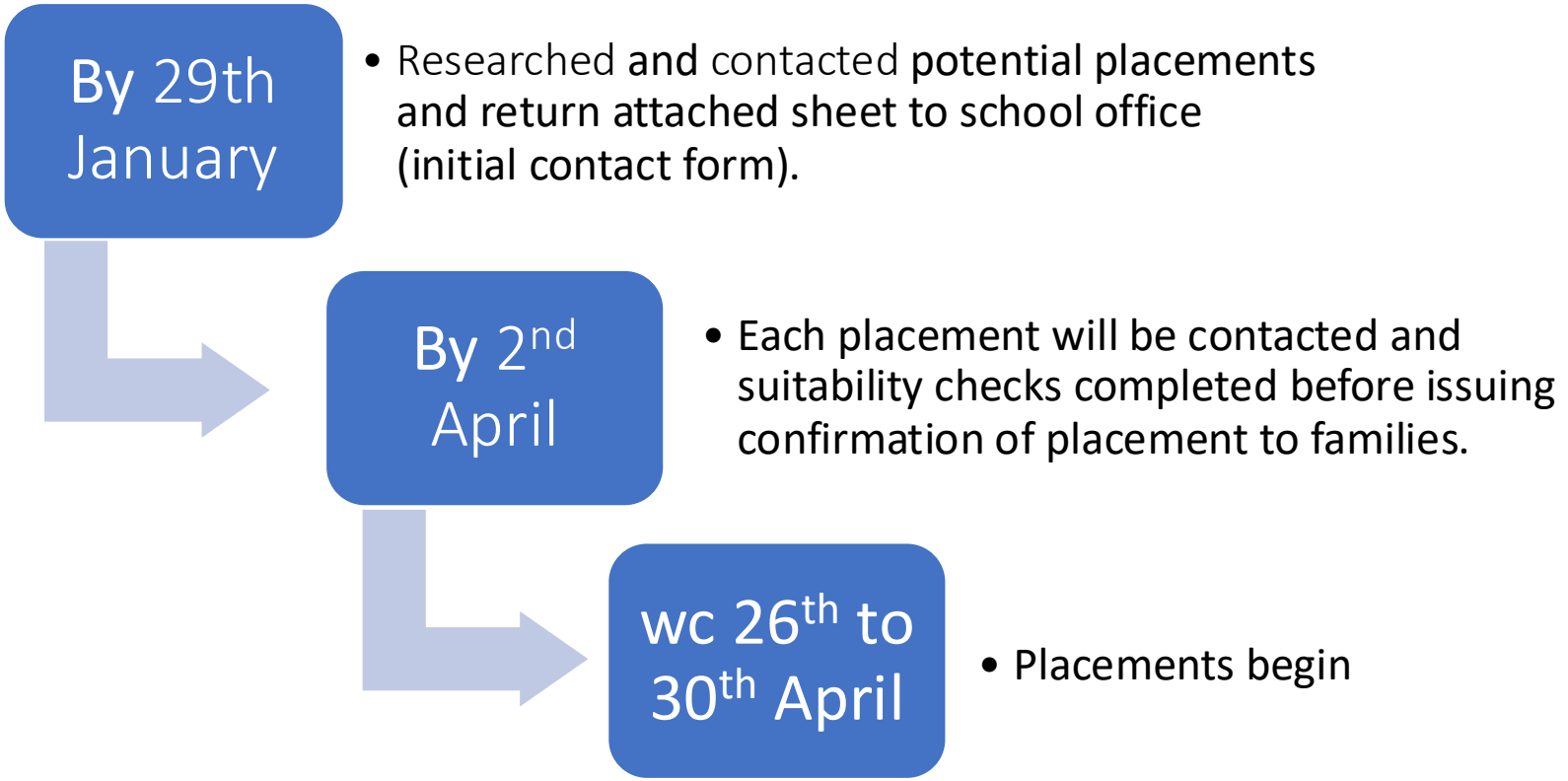
Pupils

- Agree a placement with an employer.
- Log the information on the Unifrog placements tool.

Parents/caregivers

- Support your child to source a placement. Encourage them to log it on Unifrog.
- Look out for an email from Unifrog once the student and the employer have completed their forms.

Key dates for work experience



Key people for CEIAG & Work Experience

Coach
Year Manager
Teachers

Mrs Naylor & Mr Skinner

Thank you

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More info

1. Unifrog have created **a set of guides about placements** here.

2. Next, we recommend looking at this guide
   (it's all about **how to help your child to find a placement)**.

Scan the QR to see all guides