

SMITH'S WOOD ACADEMY **CAREERS**

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MONTHLY ROUND-UP OF POST 16, CAREERS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE
All the latest apprenticeship vacancies and upcoming webinars!



Year 10 Work Experience 2025

W/C 14th July 2025

Parents and carers,

Links to the paperwork for work experience are

- [WEXP Parent Information Letter](#)
- [WEXP Employers Guide Letter](#)
- [WEXP Employer Documents to be Completed](#)

Is this you? Can't find work experience.....



Don't worry, year 10. Here is a list of employers you can use to check if there are any placements available.

[List of Local Employers 2025](#)

FAO All Parents



[Springpod Sign-up](#)

[Springpod Current Work Experience Placements](#)

Springpod is a platform that we use here at Smith's Wood Academy for students to gain vital work experience

skills without having to go off-site. There are hundreds of opportunities online and are available to all students regardless of age and change on a daily basis. Students are welcome to complete placements at home or in school, but they are done in the students own time unless specified by a teacher.

Parents and carers, I recommend you sign your child up to this, especially as the benefits outweigh any losses. Please use the link below to sign up and the second link to check out their current work experience placements

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NHS Work Experience Year 9-11



[Medic Mentor Parent/Carer Letter](#)

Does your child want to be a doctor or a dentist?

Students have a wonderful opportunity to gain some work experience hours online with Medic Mentor throughout March

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Work Experience with Channel 4 Years 9-11

Does your child long to have a career in Film/TV? It could be in front or behind the camera, but SWA students are encouraged to follow the link in the picture to sign up for virtual work experience with Channel 4 in February 2025. This opportunity is open to KS4 students and is a well-regarded and recognised programme by industry and other employers/professional alike. If your child is interested, please encourage them to come to the careers room and speak to Mrs Long.



Lloyds Banking Group Banking & Finance Event! **Tuesday, 1st April 2025, 5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Are you curious about a career in **Banking and Finance**? Join us for **Lloyds Banking Group: Careers Live**, an exclusive virtual event designed to give you insights into one of the UK's **largest financial institutions** and how to make build your career within the industry!

This is your chance to learn about the wide range of career opportunities available at Lloyds Banking Group as well as their Easter Work Experience Schemes all whilst taking your first steps towards an exciting future.

Event Details:

- **Event:** Lloyds Banking Group: Careers Live
- **Date:** Tuesday, 1st April 2025
- **Time:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Location:** Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Why Attend?

Lloyds Banking Group is at the forefront of the banking and financial services sector, committed to innovation, diversity, and nurturing future talent. This event is perfect for students interested in banking, finance and business, offering a glimpse into the opportunities and pathways available within a leading organisation.

Here's what you'll gain:

- **Exclusive Insights into Lloyds Banking Group:** Learn about the company's role in shaping the UK economy and its commitment to supporting businesses and individuals across the country.
- **Career Opportunities:** Discover **apprenticeship programmes, graduate schemes, and internships** designed to help you launch your career in banking, fintech, and beyond.
- **EASTER WORK EXPERIENCE** - A unique link to apply on the session
- **Q&A with Industry Professionals:** Ask your questions directly to LBG representatives and receive tailored advice on navigating the recruitment process and starting your career journey.

Register Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Finance>

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YEAR 10 UNIFEST 2025



[UniFest 2025 – Application Form Aimhighier West Midlands](#)

UniFest is our Year 10 summer school which offers you the chance to explore university life, meet current university students and staff and make new friends. With five summer school events to choose from at different universities across the West Midlands, you will have an action-packed, fun experience.

UniFest is for learners in Year 10 at non-selective, state-funded secondary schools in the West Midlands who are from backgrounds and communities that are less likely to consider university as an option. To apply for a place, you will need the support of your school and the consent of your parents or carers, and you should be able to answer “Yes” to at least one of the following:

- I live in an area where not many young people go to university
- I am a young carer
- I have a disability or learning difficulty
- I am in the care of my local authority
- I receive Free School Meals /FSM6/ Pupil Premium
- My parents or carers did not go to university

Any questions come and see Mrs Long in the Careers Hub. [Deadline is Friday 21st March](#)



Year 10 Careers In Construction Morning at Birmingham Airport

Our new partner at SWA is Vinci Building and they have offered SWA a fantastic opportunity for 30- year 10 students to attend our own Construction Careers Fair being held at Birmingham Airport on Friday 4th April 2025, 9:30am-12:30pm. The students will go to the event via a coach and take part in the event that is being held in the old Departure areas viewing lounge that has recently been converted into a training room.

Vinci have got together lots of employers based in the construction industry from scaffolding to demolition; many of whom are sub-contractors for HS2. Over the summer term, it is hoped that Vinci and their partners will be able to work with other year groups in school to bring this world to life for our students. If you think your child will benefit from attending, please return the parent consent letter to Mrs Long in the Careers Hub when handed out to your child shortly.

BMW Apprenticeship Opportunities – Year 11 Students and/or Parents

Year 11 students be aware that the BMW apprenticeship for the Level 3 in Vehicle Maintenance is available to apply for. Closing date is **Sunday 30th March 2025**

[Level 3 Maintenance apprentice - BMW Hams Hall](#)



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Thrive on your Doorstep – Spring 2 Term

Starting from Tuesday 11th March 2025, BCFC Community Football will be back at SWA offering our year 7, 8 and 9 students the chance to play football at SWA on the Astroturf **from 5:00pm-7:00pm**.

SWA is NOT running this session as this is outside of school hours so students must leave site at 3:00pm and return to school at 4:55pm. There will **be no SWA staff supervising this session**, so we are asking parents to make sure their child does not remain on school site between 3:00pm-4:55pm (excluding detentions of course). Please complete the following forms and return them to reception or Mrs Long/Miss Weightman directly and they will be forwarded to Mo Chowdhury the BCFC Community Hub Lead;



<..\BCFC Community Projects\Thrive on Your Doorstep\2024 2025\Autumn 1\TOMDS Participation Form.docx>



If any parents/carers would like to speak to me about their child and any careers aspirations, please do not hesitate to email me at d.long@smithswood.fmat.co.uk

Regards, Mrs Long - Careers Advisor