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## Ref: Year 10 Work Experience 2026

Work experience at SWA has changed this year. It is now expected that all students will achieve at least 10 days' worth of work experience before they leave in year 11. To help students do this, I am advertising experiences of the workplace as well as students taking the usual week off school to take up a placement.

This year, year 10 will be allowed a week of work experience from 06.07.2026 for five days

Parents and carers will have the responsibility for finding their child's placement and will be sent a form by me to complete for this later this term. To help you, I will issue parents and carers with a comprehensive list of Solihull and Birmingham companies and businesses that you can contact to help with your search. I will also be issuing each student with a logbook so they can make notes of their experiences.

On occasions, work placements come to me in school and when that happens, I will advertise them to the students in form-time and send the opportunities home to you. These placements will have different dates and as such if your child wants to take part in one of these opportunities, we have decided that students need to meet a set criterion,

- > 90%+ attendance
- > Good behavior in school
- Making good progress in their GCSE subjects.

The final say on this will be taken by our KS4 Lead and Head of Year 10.

To ensure the students' placements are safeguarded correctly, please ensure the correct documents are completed and returned to me. If I do not get this information from your child's placement by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**, your child will not be allowed to go out on work experience.

If your child does not want to go out on work experience, they will be expected to be in school that week as usual in normal lessons, however, I will be providing online work experience opportunities to students throughout that week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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