

## **What types of work experience can I do?**

Most of you will be expected to find your own placements. Think: what do you want to do? If you start looking in time you will be able to find a suitable placement.

What are your favourite subjects?

## **Make a list of related jobs:**

### **Examples include:**

English: Newspapers, Libraries, Press Officer, Teacher, Solicitors, Advertising, TV, Film & Radio

Maths: Banking, Accountancy & finance, Engineering

Geography: Environmental services, Development organisations, Charities, Politics

Business: Estate Agents, Banks, Small Businesses,

Science: Care Homes, GP Surgeries, Hospitals, Construction, Engineering

Generic: Retail, shops such as Boots, Superdrug, Matalan, M&S often offer work experience. Local primary schools and nurseries are often receptive to taking students on placement. Hotels such as Premier Inn offer good placements.

## **How do I find a placement?**

Family is often a good source for finding placements- think, what do your parents/carers do? How about your brothers and sisters or your aunties and uncles?

Do you already know anywhere you may like to work? e.g. A shop that you like, or an organisation you pass on the way to school?

Go to [www.yell.co.uk](http://www.yell.co.uk) or [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

Type kind of work you would like to do, e.g. "solicitor", and the area you would like to work in, e.g. "SW15". Yell will give you every solicitor in SW15. Give this a Try.

## **Tips**

- Make a list of 10 places. Call/visit and ASK! e.g. "Hello, I'm enquiring about the possibility of organising a work experience placement from 25<sup>th</sup> June." They will tell you what to do next...
- Competition for work experience can be really tough, so you'll need to make the right impression when asking for it. Have a CV ready, in case you are asked for one.
- Be selfish. Don't ask for you AND a friend - you are unlikely to find a placement this way.
- Be aware that some of the larger firms have age requirements which are often 16+. If you are interested in law or accountancy, concentrate on the smaller high street companies.
- Remember this won't be the only opportunity to undertake work experience. Many of the year 12 students were happy to work in retail or a primary school, knowing that in sixth form they will undertake a placement more suited to their long-term aspirations.