# CAREER ШΖ **RMAT**

#### Year 12 Work Experience

## Why do work experience?

Whatever future pathway you are following, this is your chance to have a taste of working life. You will:

- Develop transferable skills, such as communication, time management and teamwork
- Understand how organisations work
- Bring a job you have read about to life
- Build confidence in interacting with adults and new people
- Discover what sort of job and workplace you want to build a career in

Whatever you do, you will definitely learn something!

#### **Specific pathways**

Certain courses at university will require you to have work experience before you apply, and you will need to evidence and discuss this in your personal statement.

These include: Healthcare, Veterinary and Education

#### It is also recommended for courses like:

Law Engineering Accountancy Architecture Media production Town and country planning

Apprenticeship applications will be hugely strengthened by work experience!

# Work experience (12-16th Feb)

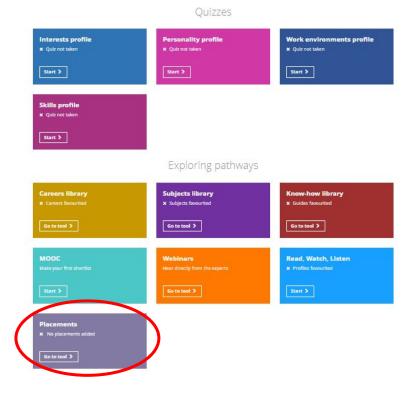
- 1. Start looking NOW. You should all be doing something in that week.
- 2. Ask your family and friends if they can offer you work experience or have useful contacts in relevant industries.
- 3. Look through suggested placements and information posted onto the Google Classroom.
- 4. Contact (email or phone) a range of organisations persevere if the first ones don't come off!
- 5. Read the model email first, then write your own application letters make sure these are tailored!
- 6. Track your applications
- 7. Speak to Mrs Griffiths Plunkett if you need guidance.
- 8. Apply to opportunities which the sixth form team suggest to you!
- 9. Confirm your placement in good time! Log it on UniFrog

You will need log your placement on UniFrog. For this, you will need:

- Company name and address
- Employer contact name and email (who will supervise you)
- Employment address
- Parent/guardian email address

#### Remember, work experience is not confirmed until it is logged in UniFrog!

Log into UniFrog, scroll down the homepage to the **Placements** box



Click on **Go to tool** 

**Placements** 

× No placements added

Go to tool 🗲

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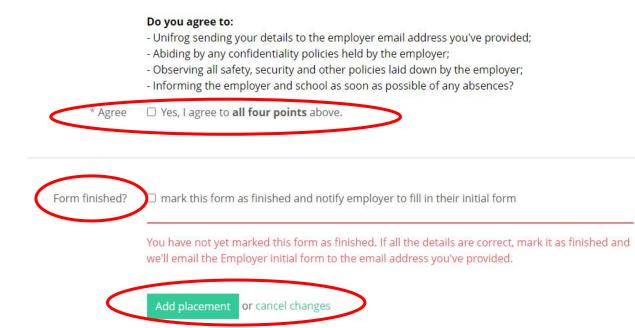
Some inspiration from the Know-how library

Complete the form. You must **select Year 12 Work Experience** from the dropdown as the placement coordinator.

| * Placement coordinator | pick one                | ¢ |
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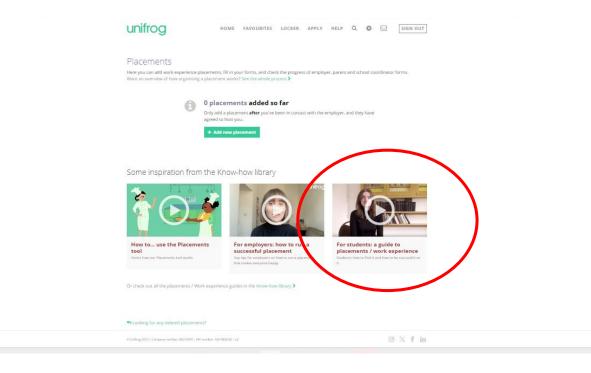
#### **Common issues with the placement tool**

Time commitment? Type 'Full time' if completing 7/8 hours in a day. 'Part time' if less. When completed, you must **tick agree**, **tick Form finished** and **click on Add placement**.



#### Need more help with the placement tool?

Watch the video on UniFrog. You will find this video on the first page of 'placement'.



#### Next steps

- 1. Start researching placements
- 2. Begin tracking email/contact and response. There is a tracking document set up for you:

| Organisation Name          | Contact name  | Contact details     | Date sent | Chase 1 month later               | Response                     | Dates confirmed  |
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| MIND Charity (Head Office) | Rajprit Singh | singhr@mind.org     | 3rd Nov   | Emailed 5th Dec about 15-16th Feb |                              |                  |
| MIND Charity St Albans     | Adam Smith    | smitha@mind.sta.org | 3rd Nov   |                                   | 18th Nov - Placement offered | 12-14th Feb 2024 |
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- 3. Any questions, speak to Ms Griffiths Plunkett. She is now based in the office in S10 (main sixth form room) and is here to give advice to all of you.
- 4. Use resources posted under Work Experience on Google Classroom