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Your Future

Work Experience Week

5th – 9th July 2027

Aspire

- **Aspiration and Ambition:**

We believe we can achieve anything and we have high expectations of ourselves.



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The Importance of Non-Vocational Work Experience For Parents & Guardians

We understand that parents and guardians can feel worried about young people entering the world of work too early—especially if it's not clearly linked to a future career. But non-vocational work experience before age 16 can be incredibly valuable, not just for a CV, but for lifelong personal development. Here's why it matters:



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1. Builds Confidence & Independence

Early work experience teaches young people how to communicate with adults outside their usual circle, take initiative, and solve problems—all of which grow their self-esteem and maturity.

2. Develops Transferable Skills

Jobs like working in a shop, helping at a community event, or doing admin tasks build essential skills such as time management, teamwork, and customer service. These skills are relevant in any future career path.

3. Improves Future Employability

Even if the job isn't "career-related", employers and colleges value candidates who show they've had real-world experience. It shows motivation, responsibility, and adaptability.

4. Clarifies Interests

Sometimes knowing what you don't enjoy is just as important as discovering your passions. Non-vocational placements give young people a chance to explore options in a low-pressure way.

5. Safe and Supportive Opportunities

Pre-16 placements are carefully supervised and typically short-term. School and Elevate EBP work to ensure young people are placed in safe, age-appropriate environments.



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It's normal to worry, but it's helpful to remember:

- This isn't about locking in a career early, it's about gaining experience.**
- Support is available—from schools, Elevate EBP , and employers.**
- A single short-term experience can make a big, positive impact.**
- Helping your child step into the real world—even briefly—can give them the confidence and clarity to move forward with purpose.**



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If you prefer **(recommended), you can find your child a Work Experience Placement!**

If your child does have a specific area of interest, then it is in their best interest to find their own placement. Please follow the link and instructions provided by school.



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What do you need to do next?

Work Experience Student Registration Form – the completion of this form is mandatory for all students.

Parents/carers will receive an email from Miss Waltho with a link to the registration form.

This form **MUST be completed by **Friday 16th October 2026****

[Student Registration Form](#)



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What do you need to do if you are sourcing a placement? Once you complete the registration form you will automatically receive a self-placement email from Elevate-ebp. (please check spam folder!)

Should you wish to source a self-placement for your child this form then needs to be completed by 18th December 2026.



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How Do You Find a Placement?

You can find a placement in a few different ways:

Use your own contacts — family, friends, neighbours.

Look online — many companies offer student placements on their websites.

Important: Wherever you go, the company needs to have insurance and safeguarding measures in place.



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**Deadline for self-placement forms to be completed
is Friday 18th December 2026**





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- **Start looking this week.**
- **Talk to parents/carers.**
- **Ask for help if you need it.**
- **Return forms by the deadlines:**
 - **Student Registration form 16th October**
 - **Self-placement form 18th December**
 - **Work experience 5th July 2026 – 9th July 2027**