



Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Work Experience Week, Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022

It is already time for your child to start looking for a work experience placement for the dates shown above. I know it seems a long way off and, for some of you, the pandemic may make the thought of supporting your child to find a work experience placement rather daunting; however, it is an extremely worthwhile experience. It enables students to develop key skills and knowledge and to understand more about an industry or job that they are interested in, it is also a great way to find out about a career they might not even know about yet.

Work experience is all about bringing the world of work to life - the students experience travelling to work, get an insight into the working environment (whether that's an office, a farm, a laboratory or something more unorthodox) and get used to meeting new people. It gives young people an opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and discover new things about themselves - do they like working in a vibrant, noisy workplace or do they prefer working in the quiet? Do they like working indoors or outdoors? Do they like working on problems with their mind or with their hands? It can equally highlight things they would rather not do!

Supporting your child to find a work experience placement can seem more difficult if they don't know what their future plans are. If this is the case, encourage your child to think about what interests them, what subjects they enjoy or what they would like to learn more about. Please don't worry about your child finding the 'perfect' placement. All work experience is extremely valuable.

Please also consider different work experience options; for example, a split placement between two different settings, maybe part of the week is remote and part in the actual setting. Advice and guidance from tutors, subject teachers and other staff is available, but the responsibility for arranging the placement is with the student as we feel that it is an important part of the whole Work Experience process.

When your son/daughter has found a placement, please email Mrs Boycheva at [vboycheva@langtreeschool.com](mailto:vboycheva@langtreeschool.com). You will then receive a Consent/Information Form that will need to be completed and signed by the employer, parent/carer and the student.

Your sincerely  
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