



# LIFE READY WORK READY

## 2023 Work Experience Offer

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The Education Business Links Team (EBL) are committed to managing Work Experience for schools and colleges. EBL engages and supports businesses and schools in participating with work experience, to ensure young people gain an invaluable placement. The placements we source help young people develop their employability skills while gaining an insight into working life and potential career opportunities.

We take great pride in performing the relevant Health & Safety checks within businesses to ensure that a safe environment is provided to students, by the businesses offering this invaluable opportunity.

We have an extensive network of employers we work with each year, hosting over 3,500 students from schools across Shropshire and Telford. These work experience placements help young people to build and develop their employability skills, whilst gaining first-hand experience and an insight into the world of work and potential career opportunities.

Students participating in vocational courses whether in sixth form or college are able to gain the required first-hand experience to support their studies and gain invaluable insight in their chosen field of study.

The EBL provide a one-point of contact, to manage work experience for all stakeholders. We make the process as simple as possible, agreeing the work experience dates and project plan with all involved. We provide students with a brief on the process and help prepare them for their work experience placement, through interactive and online learning tools.

### **Type of WEX:**

Work experience opportunities can take place in 1 or 2 week block placements, alternatively we can offer extended work placements in the form of one day a week for a minimum of 6 weeks.

### **Why choose us?**

The Education Business Links team have an extensive range of experience and knowledge gained through working for many years with local schools and Education providers.

Our qualified team are experienced within NEBOSH and ROSPA regulations and are especially geared to prepare your school and your students for their Pre, during and Post work experience programme.

We also offer the following support to both schools and students:-

1. Assessment of potential work experience placements (block and/or extended) to ensure that they meet requirements in accordance with HSE guidelines and are suitable for your students to attend.
2. Preparing students for work experience through an interactive presentation covering subjects such as finding your placement and Health and Safety while on work experience.

3. Access to the EBL database, a tool for schools and training providers to manage their work experience offer to students including
- ❖ details of employers who have previously offered work experience
  - ❖ A Secure real-time booking system where you can submit, manage and monitor work experience requests from students. These can easily be updated with the latest Health and Safety result.
  - ❖ The database will hold all of your student's details, allowing you to coordinate placement requests from students, employers and your health & safety approvals from the EBL team.
  - ❖ Your students will also be able to search and find the work experience placement they want with the ability to search employers that match their career aspirations.
  - ❖ students will be able to gain access to thousands of employers who have supported WEX and search for suitable WEX placements
  - ❖ Teachers will be able to submit, manage and monitor WEX requests from students which can be easily updated with the latest H/S results

#### **Work experience platform**

- Market-leading work placement solution for work experience, industry placement and T-Level delivery
- Developed to effectively meet the requirements to evidence the successful completion of work experience placements. To include parental and employer consents
- Set targets and objectives and monitor progress against these

#### **Streamline processes for coordinators**

- Automated Employers Liability insurance (ELI) and health and safety management and tracking within the platform – request all compliance at the touch of a button
- Easily collect student and employer feedback, ensuring high-quality placements

#### **Increase student engagement**

- Engage students with mobile-friendly Student Passport to manage placements, action plans, targets, and log hours and experience at the touch of a button
- Students can access detailed Labour market Information (LMI) and find local placement opportunities

#### **Comprehensive reporting**

- Accurate and up-to-date placement tracking through the intuitive portal saves your staff time and provides all the information you need for reporting
- Comprehensive and real-time reports can easily be shared and ensure full compliance

#### **Safeguarding and Health & Safety**

- Support schools with Safeguarding and health and safety issue raised by a student, school or employer, we offer to come into the company with the safeguarding lead of the school to assist an investigation

## Costings

Description	Item	Costs
<p><b>Sign Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students and Wex coordinators access to existing database of employers</li> <li>• Student Passport to manage placements, action plans, targets, and log hours and experience at the touch of a button</li> <li>• Students can access detailed LMI and find local placement opportunities</li> <li>• Preparing students for work experience through an interactive presentation in finding your placement and Health and Safety while on work experience.</li> <li>• Work experience database training session (1 online hour) are available annually for each user establishment. Requests for additional delivery of training sessions will be charged at £100 per session</li> <li>• Comprehensive and real-time reports can easily be shared and ensure full compliance</li> </ul>	<p>Teachers Licensing fees and Set up costs</p> <p>Includes Wex coordinator and teacher license</p>	<p>£400</p>
	<p>Student license (per student basis)</p>	<p>£2</p>
<p><b>Types of Workexperience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of potential work experience placements for your students to ensure they meet requirements in accordance with HSE guidelines.</li> </ul> <p><i>Charges for out of area remain the same where EBL have a reciprocal agreement with other WEX providers.</i></p>	<p>Block placements (per student basis)</p>	<p>£25</p>
	<p>Extended placements</p> <p><i>Speak to EBL for further information</i></p>	<p>£50</p>

## OFSTED

Ofsted state that work experience must be purposeful and planned. It should give young people the opportunity to develop vocational and employability skills in real working conditions.

Work experience should contribute to students' overall development. For example, when considering outcomes for students, inspectors will explore how well they can develop their employability and vocational skills and personal effectiveness and that appropriate steps have been taken by the employers to provide a safe environment

