

Work Experience (WEX)

The WEX is led by Mrs Stacy Rhys-Hill
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As WEX Co-ordinator and the school Careers Advisor I work hard to support students in gaining work experience that will enhance their skill set and assist in their career plans. We encourage students to investigate career opportunities both locally and nationally and through direct experience of the world of work, work related learning and enterprise activities.

We continue to successfully engage a large number of local businesses by providing work experience placements for our students, using our established and substantial business links and building upon them through the annual Aspirations event and employer engagement opportunities calendared throughout the year. Last year, for example, we developed a partnership through the DEC course with Leeds College of Building and Gleeds to provide students with an insight into practical construction and decorating trades through to large-scale project management and legal aspects of the global built environment sector.

Year 10 students have a block placement for a week in May and this year we are offering the same opportunity to Year 12 students in June. The sixth form students can also secure extended work experiences that allow them to attend placements once a week for a term or longer. Through programmes such as Career Ready, some of these placements are also paid.

All Year 10 and sixth form students are offered the opportunity of taking on a work placement or work place visit to enable them to better understand the world of work, employment opportunities and assist with career decision making. These experiences are also vital in building the students' transferable skills and creating added value to their CV. We prepare the students through work in the tutorial programme to ensure they make the most of their placement experiences.

This provision meets the Gatsby benchmarks.

If you are a local business and would like to support our work experience initiative, we would like to hear from you.

Please take a moment to read the following checklist and contact the school on 01274 676285 Ext 221 (Mrs Rhys-Hill) or email workexperience@buttershaw.net

- Can you place a student between 20 and 24 May 2019?
- Do you have staff available to supervise and guide the student?
- Do you have public liability insurance?

Careers profile

As a Registered Member of the Career Development Institute, and qualified to Level 7 in Guidance, I work hard to ensure that the students receive their statutory entitlement to impartial careers advice. My current Masters Level studies are focused on measuring the impact of raising aspirations through careers related student experiences.

Having worked at BBEC for 18 years I have a good understanding of the school, the surrounding community and the local employment landscape. Involved in the application process for colleges, apprenticeships and university, I offer practical help to students and parents/carers, working 1-1 and in small group situations. I work with the careers team to develop the careers programme for P3 to teach the necessary skills for students to be confident decision makers. My role as the Work Experience Co-ordinator allows me to support students in gaining relevant and transferable skills for the world of work.