



at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy

Work Experience in Year 12

Name: Adam Brighton

Employer: Durham City Council

What was the best thing about your work experience?

I was able to work outside an office in multiple environments.

How did work experience benefit you?

It gave me an insight into how the workplace properly functions.

Has it changed your thinking about your future career or education pathway?

Yes it has given me an insight into a different career I may want to pursue if I am unable to pursue my first choice of career.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for work experience?

Research the company you are doing your work experience with beforehand.



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Name: Chris Bijoy

Employer: British Engines (CMP Products)



What was the best thing about your work experience?

Getting an experience of the production units and the design offices.

How did work experience benefit you?

It has provided me an insight of a typical engineering work environment.

Has it changed your thinking about your future career or education pathway?

Yes, slightly, it gave me an idea of the responsibilities as an engineer which helped me choose between mechanical engineering and architecture.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for work experience?

Do thorough research about the company, know what they specialise in to maximise productivity from your work experience placement.

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Name: Daisy Greenwell

Employer: North Standard

What was the best thing about your work experience?

It really showed me how different people in the working world are compared to sixth form. I got lots of freebies too so I can't complain about that!

How did work experience benefit you?

I gained a lot of confidence speaking to people. I got to analyse real claims cases (and was right) and gained knowledge/ experience on interviews and meetings.

Has it changed your thinking about your future career or education pathway?

I'm still not sure where I want to end up, but it did help me look into more options and get a foot in the door. Maybe a plan B?

What advice would you give to someone preparing for work experience?

Just be open to any opportunities. Be helpful and kind. Take notes at the end of each day.

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Name: Jamie Withycombe

Employer: Centre for Life

What was the best thing about your work experience?

The range of fun and educational activities I completed each day.

How did work experience benefit you?

My work experience changed how I feel about jobs and how some can be fun and rewarding.

Has it changed your thinking about your future career or education pathway?

It has developed my opinion and changed some beliefs on where my future job could potentially be.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for work experience?

Do research into work experience and start to look early. If you find somewhere really interesting or fun-looking, go for it.

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Name: Luke Clark

Employer: BBC



What was the best thing about your work experience?
Experiencing being in the studio when on live TV.

How did work experience benefit you?

It helped me figure out what I actually wanted to do as well as helping me build contacts.

Has it changed your thinking about your future career or education pathway?

Yes, beforehand I was interested in Uni, and whilst it is still an option, I'm aiming to do a BBC Apprenticeship now.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for work experience?

Make sure it's something you will enjoy, and hopefully somewhere you could build a relation with as it might help you find a job.

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Name: Mia Mason

Employer: RAF

What was the best thing about your work experience?

The independence.

How did work experience benefit you?

I learnt important time management skills.

Has it changed your thinking about your future career or education pathway?

No.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for work experience?

Fully immerse yourself – give it your full effort.

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Work Experience in Year 10

Name: Richard Sleeman



Employer: BAE Systems

What was the best thing about your work experience?

Insight into the workplace and developing new skills.

How did work experience benefit you?

I became more experienced in the sector I am interested in and made sure I worked well with my team members as we were able to collaborate and get more tasks completed.

Has it changed your thinking about your future career or education pathway?

It hasn't changed my thinking, more so backed up my prior thoughts, however I will have to see in the future when I reflect whether it really does change my mind.

What advice would you give to someone preparing for work experience?

It's something new to try. Be eager and don't hold back in asking questions and meeting people who can really inform you is the best thing you can do. So don't shy away from any good opportunities.

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