



All Hallows Catholic High School Year 10 Work Experience Newsletter

We were really pleased that Work Experience could go ahead once again for our Year 10 pupils, which ran from Monday 20th – Friday 24th June. Pupils did an excellent job in securing their self-placements and a big thank you to parents & carers for their support in the process. From our Year group of 178, only a few pupils needed to remain in school for our in house work experience programme.

Whilst on placement pupils were asked to complete a daily diary which included mini tasks. In these they needed to engage with employees of the company to find out what their jobs entailed and the positives and challenges of their roles. They also had to write about the skills that they had used whilst they were on placement. We have had some excellent examples of work that our pupils have produced in their diary entries and how they have engaged with employees at their work placement. Upon their return they have completed an evaluation in their Personal Development lessons, which focused on the employability skills that they gained. We have received positive feedback from organisations where they carried out placements and this is a credit to our pupils representing the school in such a positive manner.



Some of our Year 10 Work Experience Pupils at St Teresa's, who received very excellent feedback about their attitude, helpfulness and their positive attitude they demonstrated towards the pupils.

Here are just a few of the positive comments that our pupils made when we asked them what areas of their work experience they found helpful.

It introduced me to a career that I never thought of and gave me confidence (Maisie W)

It has taught me what work is like and how to go about it, when I start working. My work experience showed me what teamwork and leadership is like. (Josh R)

I gained the experience of a working environment and I now know what to expect in my future career pursuits. (Jordan W)

It has given me more social skills in a teaching environment. I feel more confident helping younger children and it has improved my leadership skills.

(Freya McG)

It has helped me build confidence and has helped me decide what I want to do when I am older (Lucy M)

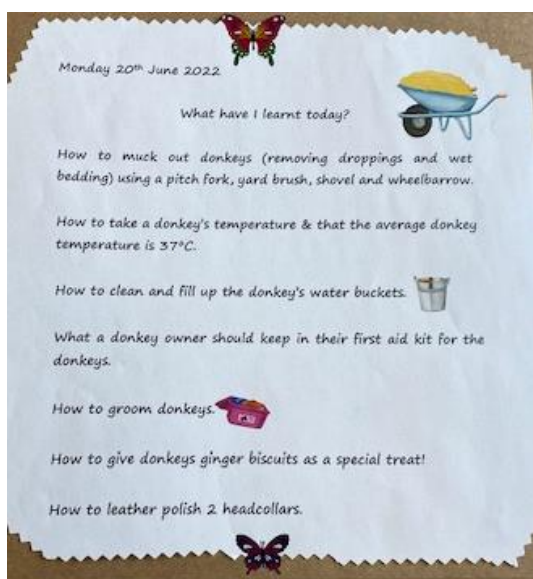
It has taught me valuable skills that will be useful in all jobs. It has made me become more confident and helped me become more willing to ask questions when I am not sure what I am doing. This has also made me have higher aspirations. (Eve M)

It has shown me life in the real world and how it is working 5 days a week and doing things to earn your money. (Daniel V)

It has given me an insight into what life can be like when you're older and the skills and personality you need for the working world (Hope K)

Work Experience Spotlight

Carys A visited a Donkey Sanctuary in Whitestake for her Work Experience. Whilst on placement she learnt how to care for the donkeys and the amount of work that goes into this. She also had the fantastic opportunity of attending and participating in the Bury Agricultural Show where she achieved quite a few rosettes for her performance coming in 1st and 2nd place across three events! Alongside her workplace diary, Carys also created her own so she could showcase all the areas she worked in whilst on placement. Well done Carys!



Our Careers Pupil Voice Survey results

We asked our Year 10 pupils a series of questions about Careers in school and the value of their work experience.

Do you feel like you have had a good introduction to careers advice during Year 10? We had a very positive response to this question with **86%** of pupils stating that they have had a good introduction

Did you complete Work Experience? **100%** of our pupils completed work experience. We are very proud of our pupils for undertaking this and we are pleased that we are able to reintroduce this for pupils this year.

Did you find your Work Experience valuable? A really pleasing result with over **89%** of pupils stating that they found it valuable. This is such a positive with a large majority finding it a worthwhile experience.

Has work experience helped you have more ideas of what you might/might not do in the future? **85%** of our pupils did find that it helped them. It has been interesting to read their evaluations about their work experience and how for the majority this has given them a better indication of what they want to pursue for their career. In some cases even if this helped them to decide what careers they would prefer not to. All of this can then help them with their post 16 choices.

Were you offered any part time work/future involvement with the company with which you completed Work Experience? Almost **40%** of pupils answered **yes** to this question. We view this as such an achievement for pupils and based on the positive responses from employers this is not surprising!

As part of our school pupil voice we also wanted to hear from pupils about what they thought about Work Experience. We had so many good comments from them, that this is only a very small selection!

"I think it went really well and I even got a reference that was forwarded to my teacher and I now go back frequently every week"

"I learned a lot about the work environment and they also gave me a few online courses to help me with in the future. I can also put them on my CV when I finish them"

"It made me realise what I have to work up to and I am excited about the next stage of my life"

"It was a great experience and gave me the opportunity to test out the job and see what it is like behind the scenes"

"I would love to go back there and work again"