



## Leading The Way

### Benchmark 6 – Meaningful experience of a workplace by the end of year 11

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Sub Benchmark	BM6 - Meaningful experience of a workplace by the end of year 11

#### How have you achieved this sub-benchmark?

We enable pupils to undertake a week of work experience during July of Y10. We have an expectation that every pupil will embrace the opportunity and insist that all pupils secure a meaningful placement during the week.  
We provide pupils with access to a database of employers and encourage them to look at Unifrog apprenticeships tool to help them to find local employers who are amenable to providing placements.  
We facilitate placements for pupils who may find it difficult to secure one themselves whenever possible.

#### What advice would you give to others looking to implement this?

SLT lead launches the process in an assembly.  
Maintain high expectations for the quality of placements.  
Clarify that lessons will be suspended in school so pupils will be able to carry out virtual placements if they do not secure an actual placement.  
Make regular contact with home to support parents if they need additional advice on how to support their children through the process.

#### What difference has this made to your students?

We see pupils returning much more knowledgeable and confident. The placements widen their understanding of the work place and the variety of roles available. They often realise how important the wider skills they are encouraged to develop are important in addition to the qualifications they gain.

#### Links/supporting material

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