

Work Experience Briefing

What is the purpose of Work Experience? It...

- provides direct experience of the world of work
- starts a period of reflection about the next step in your son/daughter's educational journey (16+)
- may identify students' strengths and weaknesses or likes and dislikes
- may reveal a hidden talent!

It is now compulsory for students to stay in education or training until they are 17 (from 2013) so it is crucial that they have some idea of a career path.

- FEBRUARY 2012: all green/yellow WEX forms to be returned to school
- FEBRUARY 28TH: East Grinstead Careers Convention (at Sackville School)
- JULY 2nd – JULY 6TH : Y10 Assessment week
- JULY 9TH – JULY 18TH: Work Experience period
- JULY 19TH: Work Experience De-brief session at Imberhorne (half-day)
- OCT/NOV 2012 – Y11 destination interviews
- NOVEMBER 2012 – post -16 providers' Open Evenings including Imberhorne 6th form open evening
- DECEMBER 2012 – application forms in for Imberhorne 6th form

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Should my son/daughter already know what they want to do when they finish Key Stage 4?

They may not have an actual job in mind, but should be able to identify the sorts of work they enjoy and are good at

WEX starts the process of thinking about life beyond Key Stage 4

Job market – Shift_happens
‘the top 10 in-demand jobs in 2010 did not exist in 2004...we are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t yet exist’



Skills, aptitude and experience are what count

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Opportunities for discussion

- What does the job market look like at the moment?
- What implications are there for subjects I may choose to study post 16?
- How can I find out which qualifications I need for a job?
- What is the difference between following an AS/A level programme of study and a programme of vocational qualifications, apprenticeships or NVQs



- How to access information
 1. 'Job Explorer Database'
 2. 'Regional Training Prospectus'
 3. Local papers
 4. Libraries
 5. Dedicated websites