

To: Year 12 parents/carers



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Dear Parent/Carer

Work Experience – Year 12 – Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May 2025

As part of the sixth form it is important that students start to prepare for what they will do beyond full time education, whether this is immediately after sixth form or subsequent to apprenticeships or university courses. As part of our wider remit to support them in this endeavour, we set aside one week of sixth form to gain this experience. Placements will follow on from the Year 12 mock examinations, to provide some respite from their studies and encourage students to consider where their qualifications can lead them. Assemblies have been held this week and all students have been given hard copies detailing the process.

All students in Year 12 will therefore be undertaking work experience from Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May 2025. During this week there will be no classes – each day all students will be at the workplace of their host employer. They will be given a work experience logbook to complete throughout the week, which will feed into subsequent references given during Year 13 for university, apprenticeship and employment applications.

Work experience gives students the chance to learn about what type of job they might enjoy as well as developing their CV. We know it can be one of the most transformational experiences young people have during their education.

Students source their own placements (with the support of their families), advising the sixth form office of the company and contact details as soon as possible, no later than **Friday 14 March 2025**. Please be aware that this is voluntary work which cannot be paid as it is part of a student's timetabled activity whilst in full time education. The careers guidance officer and sixth form team will do their best to find placements for any students who have been unable to find their own but, as we have limited resources, we expect only to be able to help a few students. Please see the list below of companies who have previously hosted work experience placements for THS students.

We use Unifrog (<u>www.unifrog.org</u>) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety Policy, as well as securing agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

Some important logistics

- Students need to agree the placement with the employer **first**. They then add the placement details to their Unifrog account (using the Placements tool on their Unifrog homepage). The school placement co-ordinator is Mrs Higson.
- The Unifrog system will then in order email the employer, the parent/carer and the school to collect the necessary information and permissions. For the process to work, it is essential that students add the initial information about the placement accurately.

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Finding out more

- Unifrog have created a set of guides about placements which you can find here
- Within this set of guides <u>How to use the placements tool</u> is the best one to start with (it includes a short animation of how the whole process works)
- Next we recommend looking at <u>Students: a guide to placements/work experience</u>, because it includes advice on how to find a placement

Next steps

- Students to read the placement guides on Unifrog and then start contacting possible hosts for the placement
- If you have any questions, please contact the Sixth Form via email at f_higson@taverhamhigh.org or directly on 01603 861758

Unifrog for Parents/Carers

Please follow the link below for the presentation as well as information on how parents and carers can also sign up to Unifrog, so you can be better informed about the choices and opportunities available. You can opt to receive a weekly email summarising what interactions and basic activity have happened on your child/ward's Unifrog account (no email is sent if there has been no activity).

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We hope all Year 12 students will take up this opportunity and we wish you all the best with supporting your child to find a placement. Please do make use of Unifrog's guides to help you. Students unable to source a placement will attend school full time from 8:30am to 3pm (home study will not apply). They will be provided with work experience related online tasks and courses, completing a log of all they undertake.

Yours faithfully

Robertson

Mrs L Robertson Head of Sixth Form

Previous work experience destinations



For some ideas, here are some of the work experience providers students have attended in previous years. If you would like one-to-one advice, please see Mrs Warwick in the main school office for an appointment.

1Cupor2 Abbey Transport Abbot Fox Alan Boswell Finance Amev LG Andrew Parker Associates **Anglia Culinary Supplies** Anglian Water Anglian Windows Anteros Art Foundation **ARH Groundworks** Aviva A&W Cushion **Barkers Hairdressing** Suppliers Barclays **Barley Chalu** Berry Global (manufacturing) Bluebird Care Break **Breedon Group Construction Briar Chemicals Broadland Digital** Broadland District Council Brown & Co **Busseys Ford** Carberrys Café Cards n Things Castle & Costa Catch 22 Central School of Dancing

Chamber Nine **Christine Goldspink Kennels Coastal Partnership Contract Personnel Limited Cookes Band Instruments** Coplus Insurance Countrywide Legal Indemnities Cre8 Futures Ltd **Crown Confectionery Dawsons Law** Dodd Group **Drayton Windows** Duff Morgan & Vermont **EA Fasteners** Ear Care Centre East Bilney Coachworks East of England Ambulance Easton Gymnastics Club **EPOSNow ERA Accountancy** Felthorpe Airfield Finance Shop Fine & Country **Flagship Housing Group** Gallery Haircutters GC Mole **Giddings Motorcycles Gilson Bailey Estate Agency** Gressenhall Hallswood Animal Sanctuary

Heritage Will Writers Heritage Window Company HexCam Ltd Horsford Medivet House of Commons Immunisations Service High Altitude HM Treasury Hugh J Boswell Iceni Financial Advisors IC Travel Inflite the Jet Centre Jim Clarke Cricket Coaching Ken's Corn Stores Keri Systems **Kettle Foods** Kier **KLM Engineering** KonectBus Lanpro Architecture Largo Plant Services Larking Gowen Leisure-net Solutions Lovewell Blake Accountants Maddermarket Theatre **MJP Online Property Lawyers** Nansa Nielsen Brandbank NM Finance Norfolk Community Law Service

Norfolk & Norwich Hospital Norfolk & Waveney MIND Norfolk Museums North Norfolk DC Norwich Accountancy Norwich Art Supplies Norwich City Council Norwich City FC Norwich Cosmetic Clinic Nplaw Nuffield Health NWES Marketing Open Youth Trust **Optimise Media** Panks Engineering PetsAtHome Pottergate Motors Priscilla Bacon Charity Pro Box Norwich Quickfire Digital **Ray & Paul Interiors RDM Gregg Screen Printers Read Brothers Recover Physiotherapy RG** Carter **Right Angle Events Roarr! Dinosaur Adventure** Rose Project **Royal Norwich Golf Club** Select Cakes Selesti

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Also local nurseries, schools (primary and secondary), libraries, health centres.