



Opportunities to explore the World of Work

Throughout their time at Sherbourne Fields School, students have a variety of experiences with employers and workplaces.

Whole school

Students across the whole school have the following opportunities to talk to people from a variety of professions including;

- Coventry Rugby
- Open Theatre
- Sports coaches
- Artists
- Ambulance service
- Police officers who carry out workshops as part of the SMSC/Safe Internet use
- Barclays Bank community champions who carry out workshops as part of Financial Education
- At job fairs

Key Stage 3

- Students go on a variety of trips and visits to employer settings; including garden centres, supermarkets, independent retailers etc.
- Some students have the opportunity to work in our Wedge Corner Café

Key Stage 4

- Students continue to go on a variety of trips and visits to employer settings; including angling and variety of charity shops as part of the DoFE Volunteering section
- Talks from staff from the air ambulance
- Some students have the opportunity to work in the Wedge Corner Café
- Some students have the opportunity to access the Wedge Workshop

Key Stage 5

- Students continue to go on trip and visits to employer settings.
- Some students work in the Wedge Corner Café and complete the accredited Wedge Workshop course
- Students have access to consultants from a variety of backgrounds who support them with their Enterprise projects
- Students have weekly access to a job coach who can advise of work experience placements and supported internships
- Students take part in a yearly reverse job fair with a variety of employees from across Severn Trent
- A week work experience placement each year. A list of some of the employers we use are listed below. (Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.)

Potential Work Experience Placements Available

Arlington Automotives

The majority of the students' work will involve packaging car components. The placement will provide an insight into the whole company. Students will be working on the factory floor, packaging components and undertaking light assembly work.

Ash Green Cattery

Students will be carrying out general animal care duties such as cleaning, feeding and washing up equipment.

Belgrade Theatre

Students will be carrying out a range of activities/roles at the theatre including – being an usher, visiting primary schools and observing/assisting staff carrying out workshops, taking part in workshops, viewing a performance and giving a detailed review. Students will also have the opportunity to spend some time in the box office department.

Centre AT7

Students will be working with recreational staff assisting with cleaning and setting up the centre and activity equipment. They will be learning from the gym instructor about how to put a programme together for an individual. They will also work with sports coaches to set up equipment and clean the area afterwards.

Costa Coffee

Students will be carrying out general cleaning tasks, filling and emptying the dishwasher, they will spend some time on the shop floor serving customers and replenishing stock, they will work with the shop manager to stocktake and observe the relevant paperwork that is involved in ordering weekly stock.

Coventry City Council's Safeguarding Team

Students will be shadowing council staff and attending relevant meetings. They will assist staff in preparing resources for workshops they will be taking part in. They will also have the opportunity to raise issues or concerns with any council members they meet during the week.

Crow Recycling

Students will work alongside a small team, sorting through a range of Coventry City Council paperwork. They will divide the recycling into different categories before posting it through the industrial shredder. The students will also sort through a range of cans and using special metals they will work out what needs to go where.

EGO

Students will carry out a range of activities/roles at EGO including – serving refreshments behind the bar to patrons and staff, helping to set up the activities ready for sessions under the guidance of a supervisor, taking part in the sessions to model how to do the activities i.e. painting.

Grapevine

Students will work with young people on Teen Vine to gather ideas of what they would like to do in future sessions. They will also work with young people with and without disabilities to plan an upcoming performance. Students will also take part in co-delivering sessions to adults with learning disabilities to give them an opportunity to speak up about things that are important to them.

HollyFast Stables

Students will be carrying out general animal care duties such as cleaning, feeding and washing equipment. Students will be supervised at all times with the horses. Students will also be asked to bring horses in from the field, groom, muck out and tack up and general daily stable management.

IDP Architecture

Students will be shadowing qualified architects in the office. They will also be given design tasks to carry out using the knowledge they have gained. They will then have the opportunity to display their work in a presentation to the architectural staff in the office at the end of their placement.

North Street Garage

Students will build upon their skills and knowledge gained through their time in our Wedge Workshop by further developing their vehicle maintenance skills, identification of car parts as well as self-esteem and confidence in a real-life working environment.

Nuneaton Signs

Students will be working alongside staff responsible for packing signs and ensuring the correct labels are attached to specific signs. They will be working on the factory floor. The placement will provide an insight into the whole company. They will also be involved in 'checking off' signs and ensuring that the correct signs are being wrapped and sent to correct addresses as stated on invoices.

PDSA and Cats Protection Charity Shops

Students will carry out duties such as stock taking, putting up displays and inventory as well as building their self-esteem and confidence dealing with customers.

SENDIASS

Students will shadow members of the SENDIASS team. They will attend meetings in the council under the supervision of SENDIASS manager Chris Firth, they will work alongside other members of the team to give perspective from a young person's point of view relating to posters and flyers and what is eye-catching. They will also support other council departments in the building with admin tasks.

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