

Sixth Form Horizons Bulletin 6th May 2026



Summer work experience (WEX) focus

If the dates of your placement do not match our 6-9 July WEX window but is still in term time, apply for authorised absence from the sixth form office.

Weds 13 May, 6pm: How to find work experience

View details and register [here](#).

WEX placements are still available for Year 12s interested in **health professions, nursing and midwifery**. The University of Plymouth, School of Health Professions and School of Nursing and Midwifery will be hosting a **Work Experience programme** this summer.

- Dietetics
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Social Work

The work experience programme will run from Monday 22nd June to Thursday 25th June from 9.30am – 4pm. It will be facilitated on the main University Campus and the Inter City Place building. Complete the application form using the link below. Deadline for applications 15 May. [Application Form](#)



Virtual Work Experience Programme with law firm Womble Bond Dickinson - Tuesday 14 July to Thursday 16 July 2026

The programme will be taking place virtually via MS Teams, with a maximum of 20 students, and is open to those studying towards A-levels or equivalent qualifications.

Programme dates: Tuesday 14 July to Thursday 16 July 2026.

The work experience programme includes a selection of talks introducing WBD and careers in a law firm, interactive workshops which focus on transferable skills and how they link to working in law, team-based work experience and the opportunity to meet colleagues from different teams. The application form can be accessed here [**Womble Bond Dickinson | Virtual Work Experience Programme 2026**](#)

Applications will close on **29 May 2026**, and they will contact students soon after that. Pre-recorded WEX from WBD is also available: Students can also sign up to our [Early Talent Community](#) and complete [Forage](#), the pre-recorded work experience programme.

STEM Learning is offering a Research Placement and Experience opportunity titled “**Build the Future: Aerospace Engineering Manufacturing in Action**”, delivered in partnership with **Howmet**, a global leader in aerospace and advanced manufacturing.

This is a **two-week placement starting on 10 August 2026**, providing students with valuable insight into real-world engineering and manufacturing processes. Benefits for students include:

- Hands-on exposure to aerospace engineering and advanced manufacturing
- Insight into real-world STEM research and industry practice
- Development of key employability skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving
- Strengthening of university and apprenticeship applications
- Opportunity to gain confidence in a professional STEM environment
- Eligibility to apply for the BSA CREST Award

Students will also receive a **bursary of £135 per week** to support their participation. Students will need to meet the **Research Placement and Experience Programme eligibility criteria** in order to apply. If any students are interested, please email students@stem.org.uk by 8th May for a direct application link.

The award-winning **Social Mobility Business Partnership** is running its **Work Insight & Skills Experience** (WISE) for students aged 16 - 18. You will spend time with four high-profile organisations and will learn about their business, career routes available, and develop key skills in interactive business-like tasks. You will also spend a day with a professional sports club learning about the psychology of resilience, coping mechanisms and goal achievement models. What skills will you learn across the experience? - Communication, Creativity & Problem Solving, Teamwork & Leadership, Resilience & Goal Planning

Lunch and refreshments will be provided each day, and all travel costs will be reimbursed.
22nd - 26th June 2026

Apply now: <https://smbp.org.uk/application-process/> smbp.org.uk

Friday 8 May, 8.30-9.00 assembly in the common room with a speaker from the **Bank of England**. His talk will be on 'Economics in practice'. ALL Year 12s should attend.