

# Work Placements & Volunteering

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Amersham & Wycombe College positively respects, promotes and develops the diversity and ability of its current and potential learners, and values the contributions which people from a range of backgrounds bring to the institution.

## HOW WORK PLACEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING CAN BENEFIT YOU

Work experience placements along with volunteering provide an opportunity for you to spend time working at an employer's premises. The idea is that you work alongside employees, carry out similar tasks and gain an understanding of employer needs within the world of work. It is valuable experience that can help you make decisions about your future career and can, on occasions, lead to paid employment.

Work experience and volunteering helps to :

- \* Develop personal confidence.
- \* Improve interpersonal and team working skills.
- \* Give you the opportunity to see how you respond to the demands and pressures of the workplace.
- \* Show you how to recognise, develop and apply the skills required for employability.
- \* Provide a practical understanding of how businesses operate, employee roles, rights and responsibilities within the world of work.
- \* Give you an insight into the expectations of employers.
- \* Provide an opportunity to collect evidence to help you pass your college qualification.
- \* Give you the valuable opportunity of show-casing your abilities to the employer.



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### HOW CAN THIS HELP YOU IN THE FUTURE?

Whether you are looking to go into employment or study further at University, having work placement and/or volunteering on your CV or your UCAS personal statement shows commitment. Working above and beyond the minimum required makes you the type of person every employer or University is looking for. It gives you an advantage and helps your application 'stand out' from the others. It can also help you when preparing for an interview as you will have real life experience to talk about.

**Please note: as part of the education process, students do not receive any payment from the employer for their time on work experience.**



### WHO DO I ASK FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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