

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF WORK EXPERIENCE?

In November 2013, it was announced the youth unemployment figure between July and September 2013 stood at 965,000. A frightening statistic especially as work experience is no longer a statutory requirement for schools.

The MAP and their six partner schools firmly believe that work experience plays a key role in supporting young people's career choices and equipping them with the knowledge and skills that employers need.

“Work experience offers students of today the opportunity to prepare for the challenges of tomorrow. Students at school can become familiar with the skills and attitudes needed by modern business and recognise that the demands of working life are undergoing rapid and constant change”

Completing a placement enables a student to experience the world of work. Research shows having access to high quality work placements impacts on young people's career progression. The MAP work experience programme caters for students aged 14-19 years old. The purpose of these students requiring placements are commonly for the following reasons:

- Course specifications – i.e. BTEC require work experience
- Support overall learning
- Support university applications – a large number of university courses require prospective undergraduates to undertake a particular amount of work experience

What are the benefits to an employer for work experience?

In providing a placement, work experience provides many benefits. Some include:

Relates education to workplace
Young people can put into
practice classroom learning

Enhances your
company's
reputation and
community profile

“Young people have a
willingness to learn,
fresh ideas, and new
approaches” - CIPD

Monetary
"Young people are not paid for work
experience. Through training and
employing young people, your
company can tap into grants and

Influencing the quality of future employees

Influencing young people's career choices
“Today's young people, tomorrow's
workforce” - CIPD