

### Frequently Asked Question

**Question:** Can I go to work with my parents?

**Answer:** This depends on what your parents do for a living and if it links to what you are studying at college. All placements are subject to a workplace pre-placement check where we check that the proper insurance is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of our students BEFORE students go out on placements.

**Question:** Do I have to do work experience if my 19th birthday was in December?

**Answer:** If you are under 19 as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of August during the enrolment process then you will need to complete a work placement.

**Question:** Will I get paid while on work experience?

**Answer:** No. Work experience is unpaid, however, some employers may reimburse travelling costs or may offer a free/subsidised lunch.

**Question:** What happens if I am offered a placement and do not turn up?

**Answer:** If you are absent for a very good reason then it may be possible to rearrange. If you fail to turn up without a good reason you will probably have a Stage 2 Disciplinary meeting which could impact on any reference the College gives you in the future.

**Question:** Can I do my work experience at any time?

**Answer:** Some courses have set times in the year when the entire group will go out on work experience at the same time. On other courses it will be 'as and when' placements become available.

**Question:** Will my Saturday job count as work experience?

**Answer:** No. Work experience should not be provided by your regular employer and should be matched to your course of study or long-term career aspirations, however, do discuss this with your coordinator who will be able to advise you, as there may be exceptions.

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