

**Good Morning,
Let's talk about work
experience...**

17th-21st July 2023



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Why is work experience important?

Provides you with an insight into the world of work.

Allows you to form an outline of the career path you may choose.

Enables you to build a foundation relationship with a local employer and possibly make a lasting impression.

Help you discover something about your skills, abilities and talents.

Helps you make better informed decisions about the future.



The most important reason

30 million people go to work every single day

How many don't enjoy it?

24 MILLION

A successful work experience that you enjoy means you are **86%** less likely to be unemployed in your adult life.



So what do people need to focus on?

PASSION

Passion = Purpose = happy life

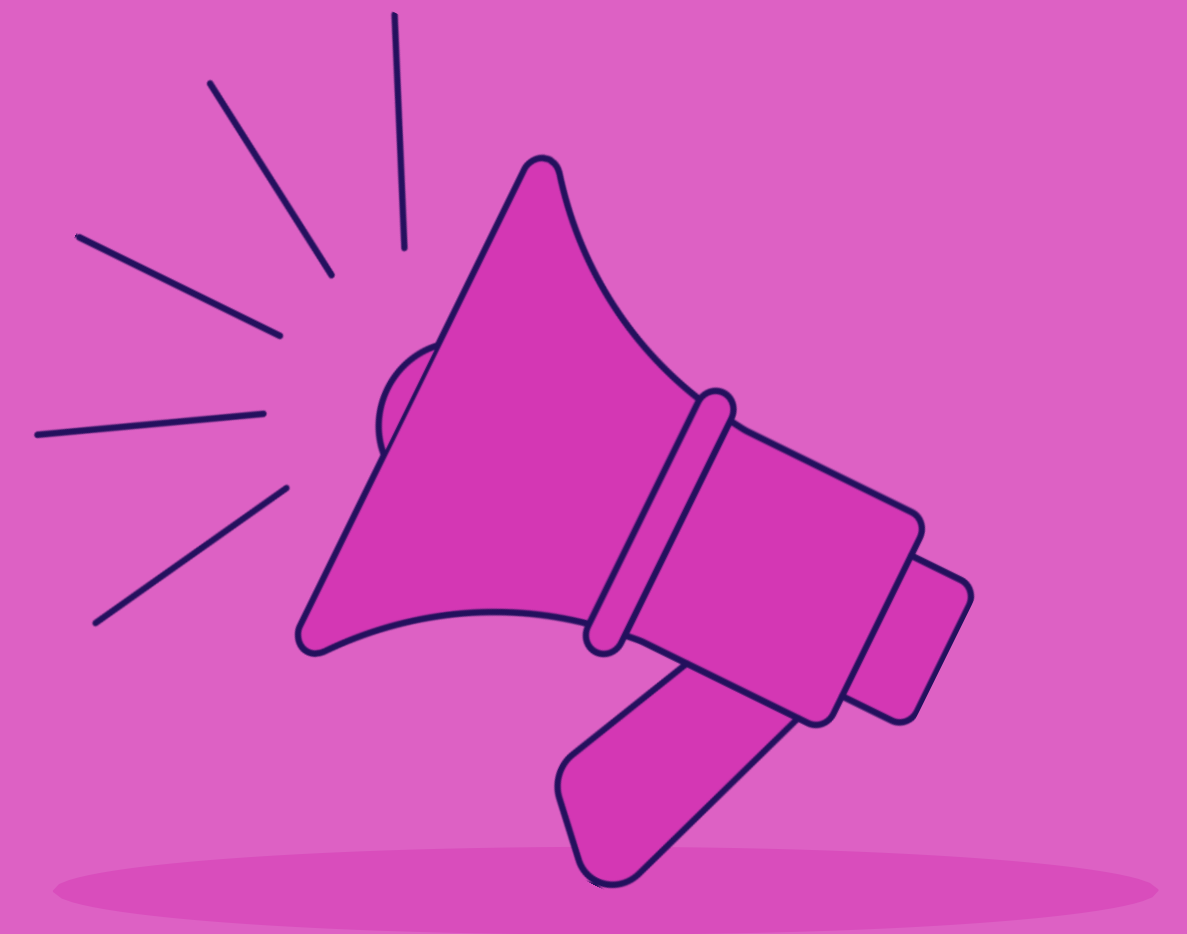
You are going to explore this idea further in PDE next week!



Here is what our students say
about work experience...



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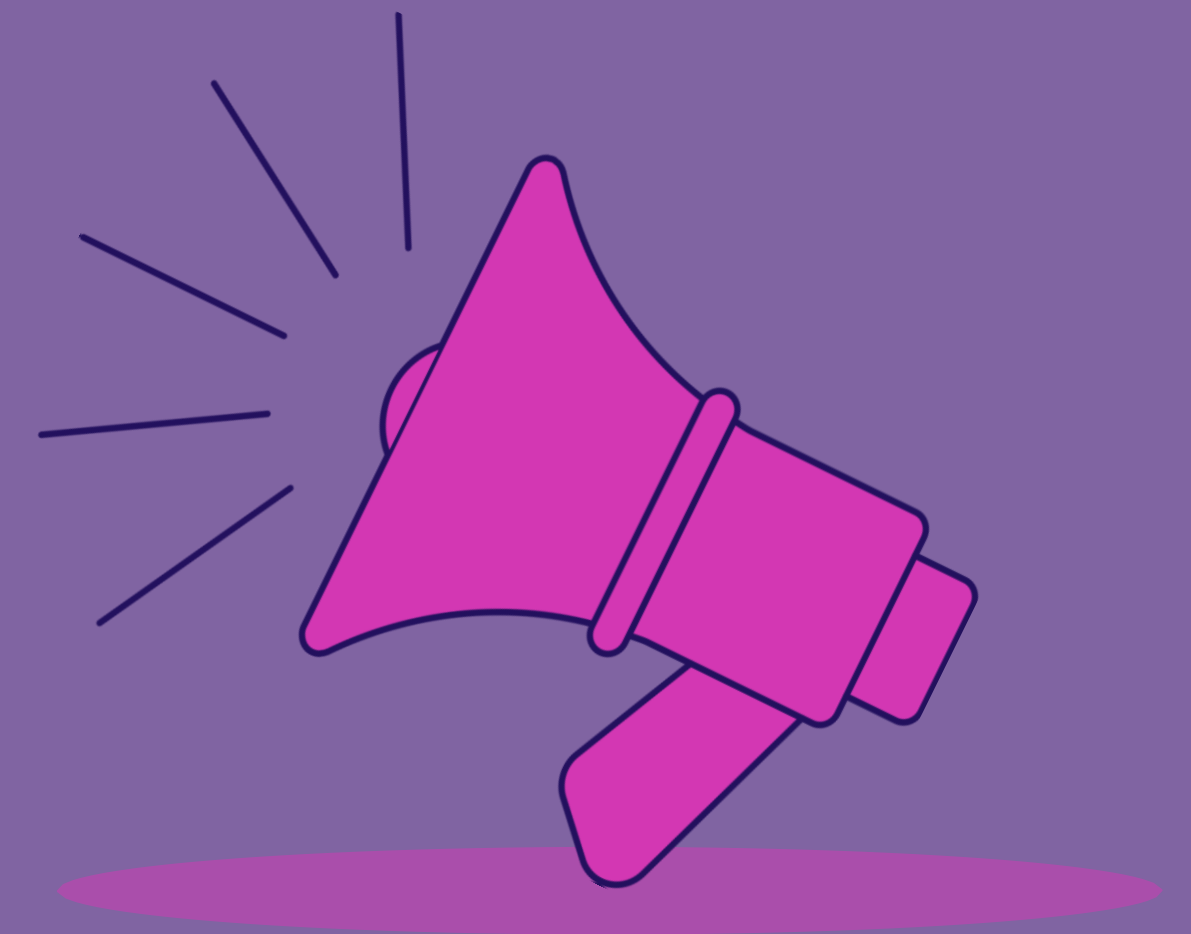


Why do work experience?

Help to show you the link between school and your future careers aspirations.

Help you learn about personal presentation skills for interview in the future.

Provide you with opportunities to work alongside adults and to be treated as a member of the workforce.



What will employers be looking for?

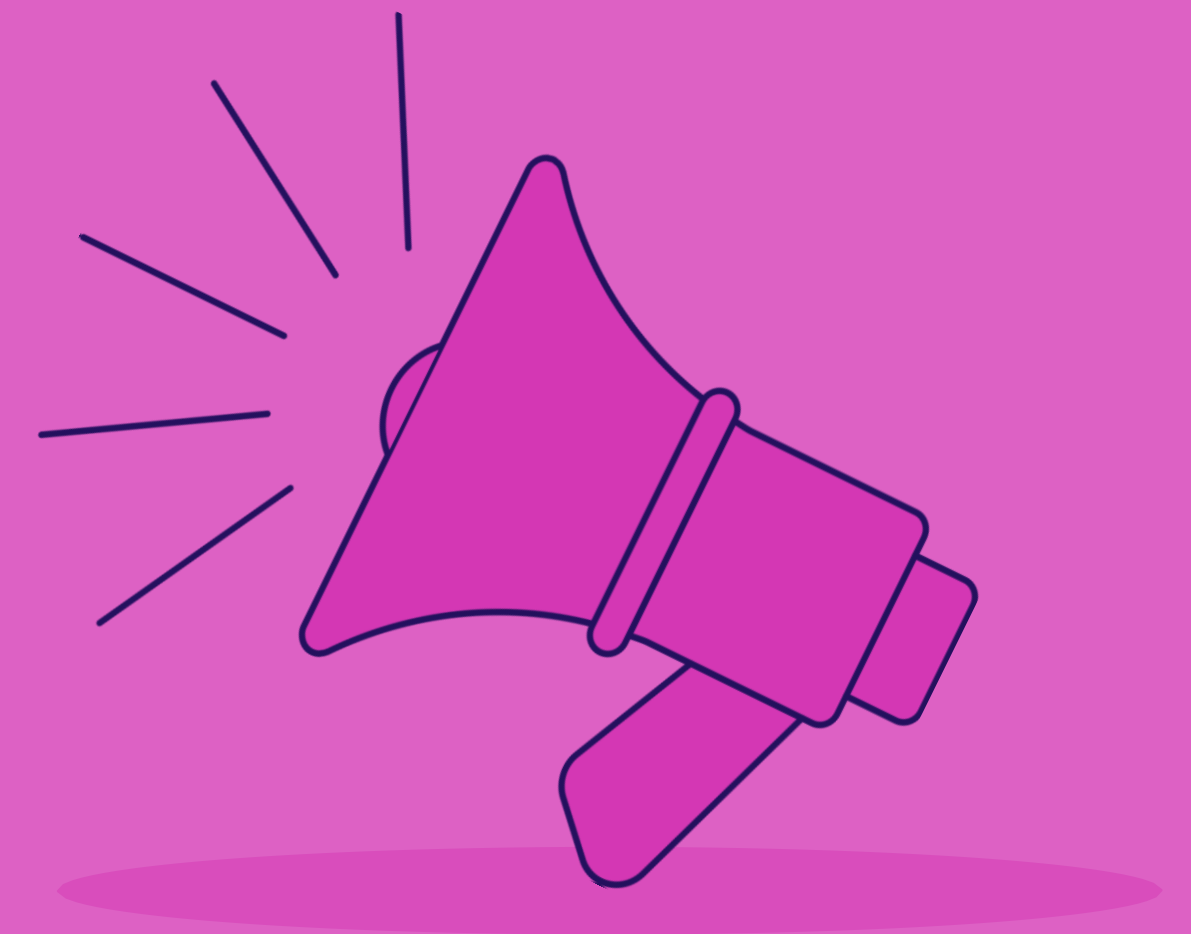
The ability to work as part of a team.

Enthusiasm and using your own initiative.

Loyalty and a positive attitude.

Flexibility and willingness to work.

Honesty, reliability and responsibility.



Where to do your work experience?

You can gain vital work experience in almost any work place – it does not necessarily have to be an area you are thinking of pursuing after leaving school. Keep an open mind and be enthusiastic on your placement – the more you put in, the better an experience you will have and the more you will get out of your week.

Some students choose to complete their work experience at the place of work of a family member or family friend, use your “Network”.

If you have a part time job, you can do this for the full week and maybe shadow another staff member in a different role or department.



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Local work experience opportunities are right on **your** doorstep

Solicitors

Multiple local law firms in your area could allow you the opportunity to experience such a career firsthand.

Restaurant/Café

Work experience in a café or restaurant can offer great experience if you have interest in the service sector.

Accountancy Firms

Some accountancy firms in your local area may allow you to obtain valuable experience in a growing industry.

Engineering

If you are seeking a potential career in engineering. There could be plenty of local engineering companies near you.

Business

Lots of local businesses in the area.

Creative Industries

There are many creative studios that would love to have young talent on board for work experience..

Hair & Beauty

Even local hair salons are interested in taking on people for work experience. Which could even lead to a job afterwards.



Tips for finding a work placement

Do your research

Research using the internet, look in the local paper for employers based nearby who might give you a placement.

Don't be shy!

Emailing, telephoning and visiting employers in person to make an enquiry. Research the company and find the name of the key person to ask for.

Word of mouth

Talk to friends, parents, family members and enquire if they can help out or support. Everyone knows someone!

Careers Fair Ask the employers can they take you on work experience

Attend Clubs

Careers in form time



Tips for finding a work placement

Network

Active networking in person and online using social media sites including Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn to follow companies and post about looking for work experience.

Register...

Register on volunteer, apprenticeship and job websites to search for companies and contact details.

Ask your teachers

Talk to your School Teachers and ask them if they can think of anyone they might know.

Ask the careers team in school

Mrs Madden, Mrs Birchall and Miss O'Leiski

Year 10 careers guidance meetings start after Easter

Year 10 drops in at the Careers Office



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Key points and dates!

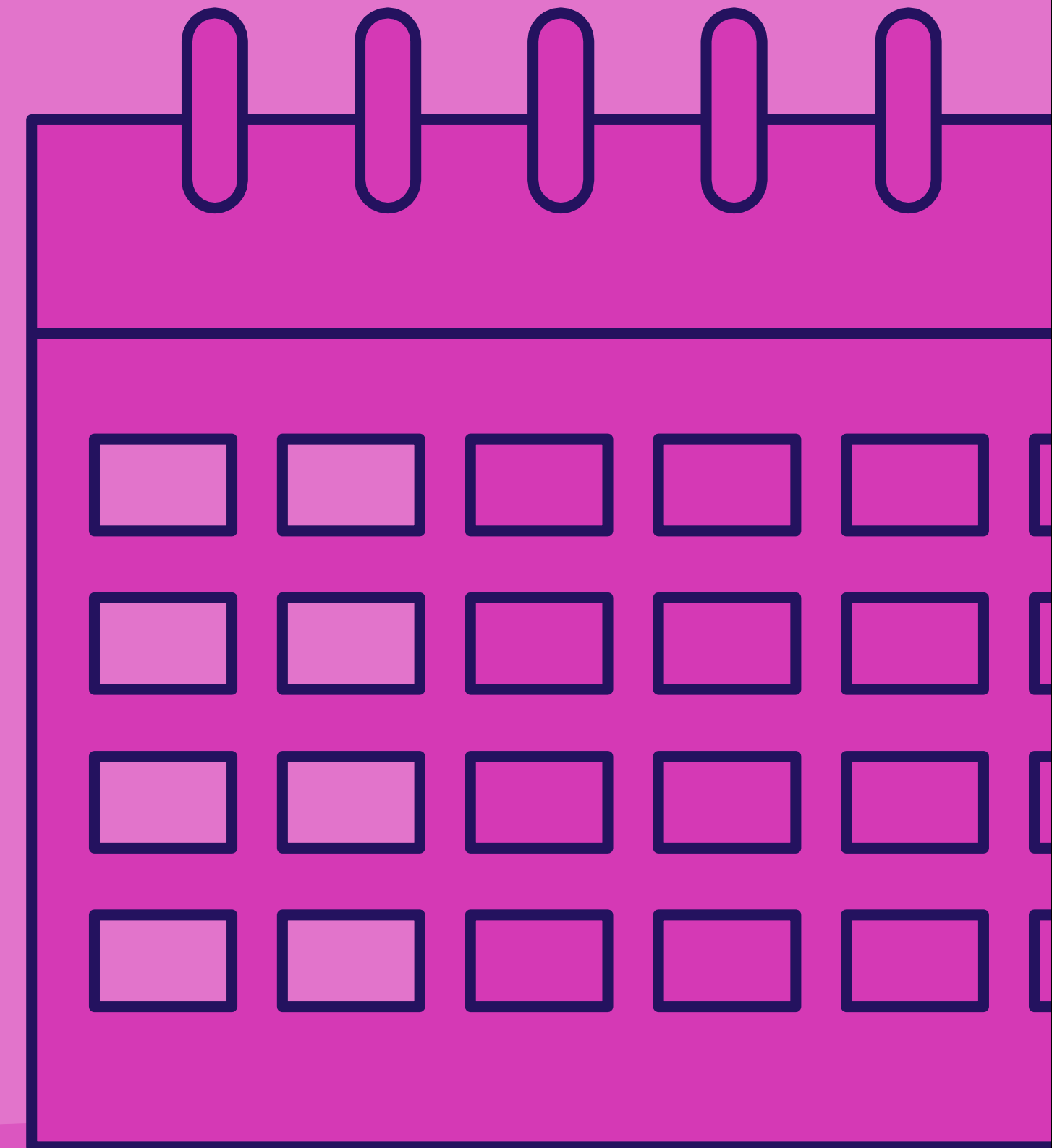
Each student to find their own placement

Read the Work Experience letter

Read the Frequently Asked Questions.

Know what information you need to get from an employer – Self Placement Form.

You must have found your own placement by Monday, 17th April



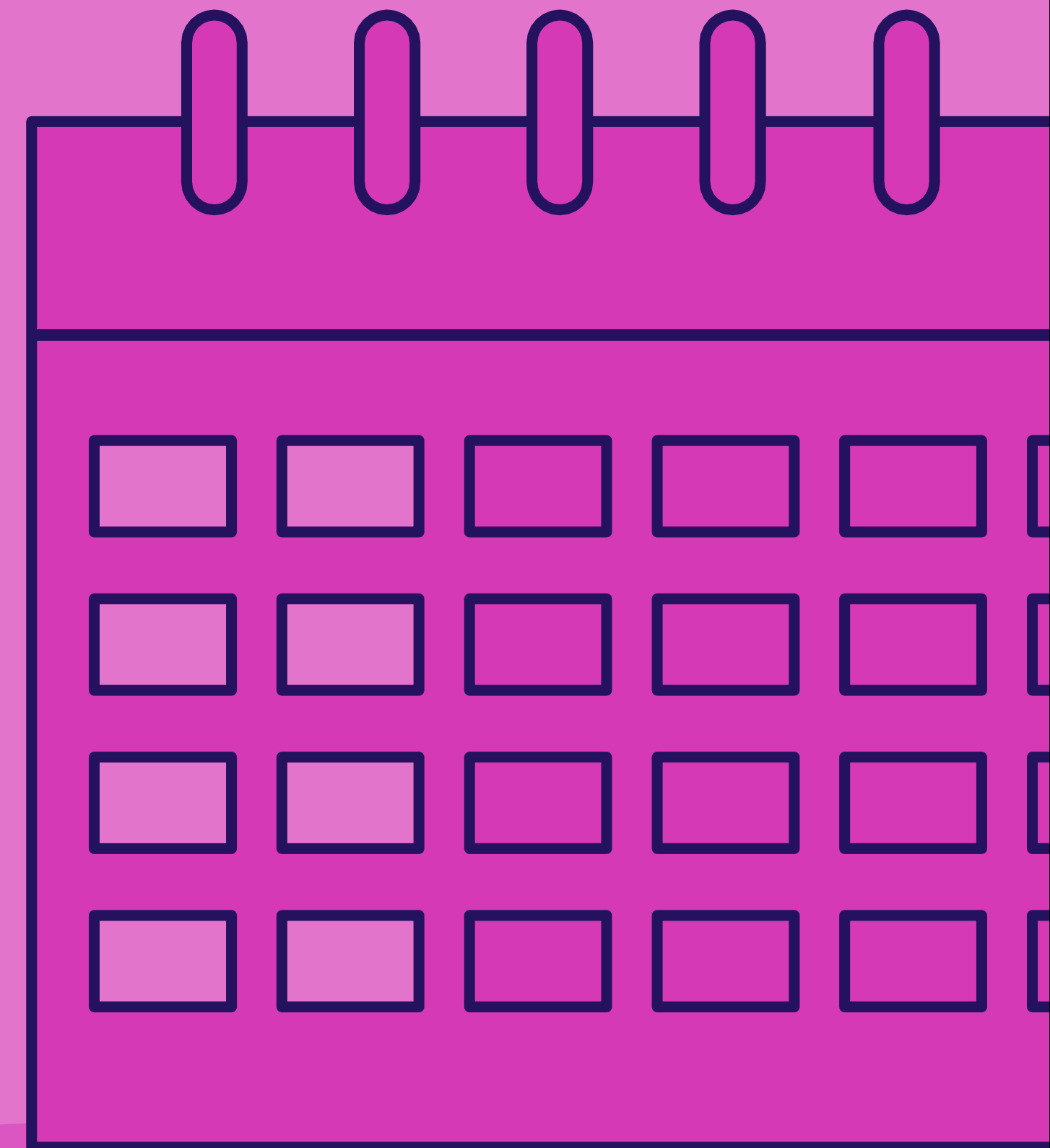
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Visit or call an employer – you will receive an Information Booklet.

Use the letter we have provided you with.

Once you have found your placement, complete the Y10 Work Experience Placement Form – link to electronic form in the letter or complete the paper form and return to for. teacher

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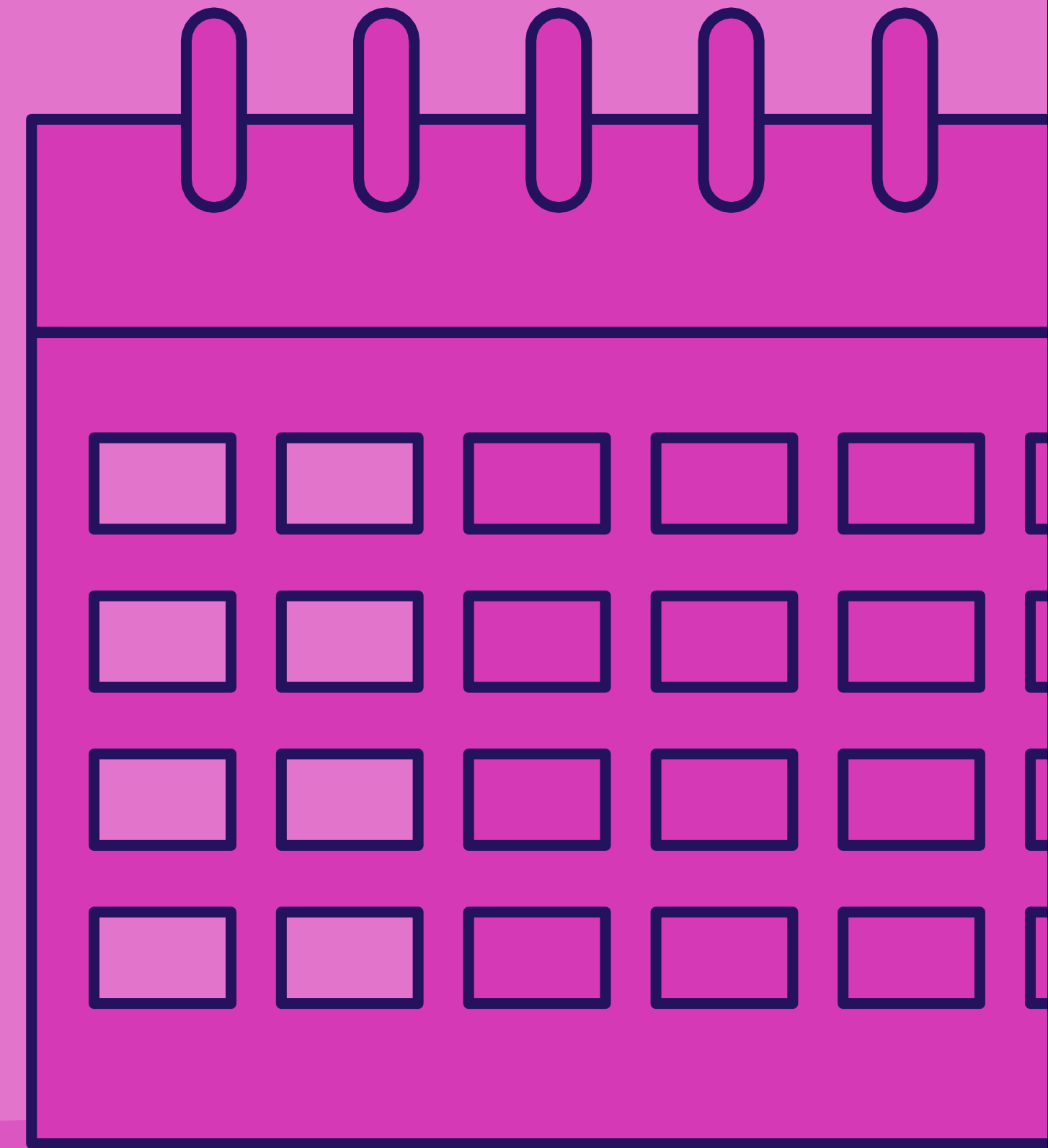


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Students will not be allowed to complete their work experience without a completed work experience form and successful placement checks.

Website – dedicated page for Work Experience

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Work Experience not allowed

Working with one adult

Travelling in a car or van, eg Plumber going into houses

On a Construction site

Public Services – Fire, Police, NHS



Further Support

Parents' Evening.

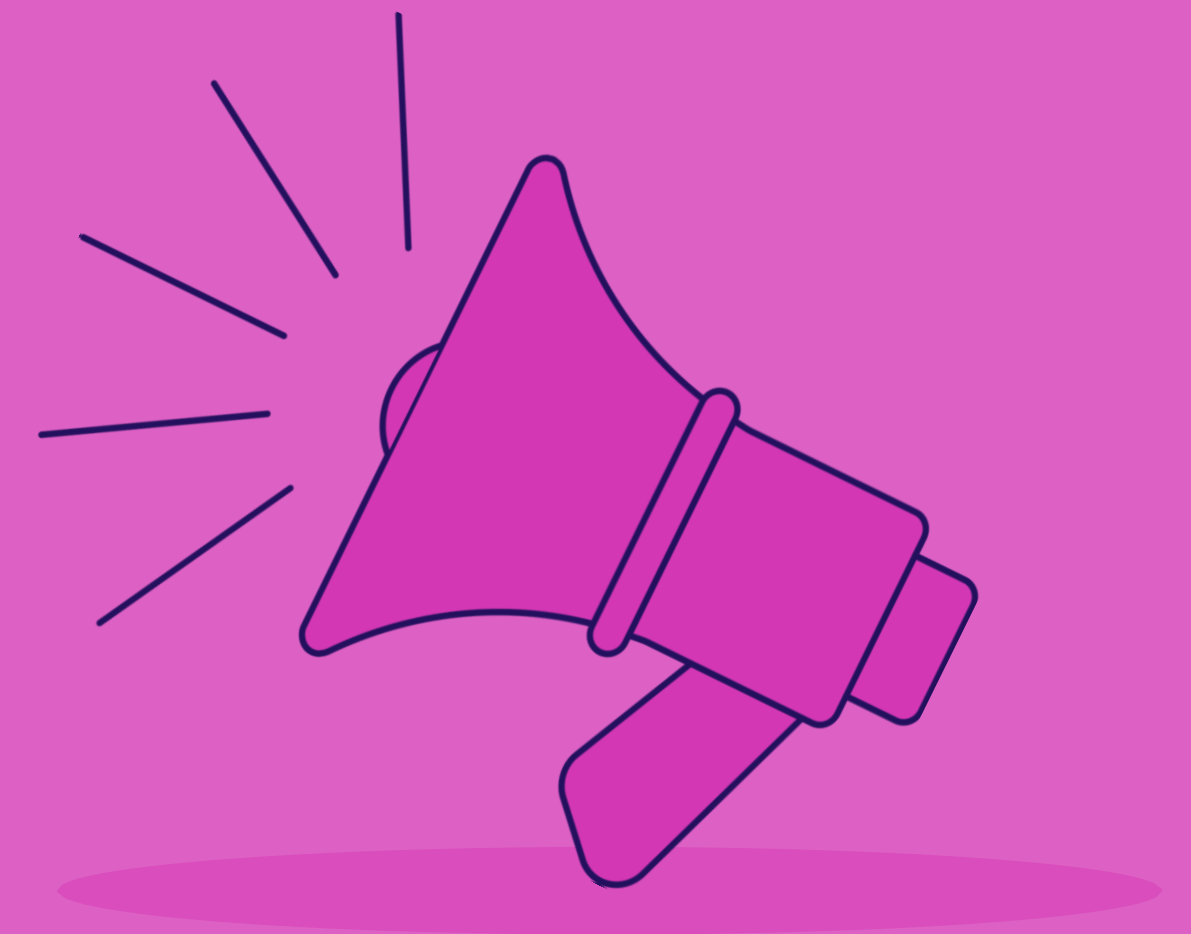
Emailed parents the letter with work placement form and frequently asked questions.

Drop ins Tuesday lunch time Careers Office with Mrs Birchall

Email: careers@bedford.wigan.sch.uk



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Any Questions?

We will email you this presentation today so you can follow the instructions

