

Virtual Work Experience

Careers Hub Update

Speakers For Schools

- Ongoing recruitment of local employers to provide ring-fenced places in addition to national opportunities available on S4S platform
- Employers encouraged to repeat programmes in term time and holidays
- Schools encouraged to register with S4S and check platform regularly – opportunities also distributed via EC comms
- May 21 – New initiative to target S4S insight sessions at existing school careers days/weeks in July.

Great Western Hospital NHS Trust 1

- A one-day event (19th May) for up to 150 students for young people interested in entry level job roles
- Opportunity for students to meet Health Care Assistants, Apprentices and the Apprenticeship team at GWH
- Students attending will receive 12 months of engagement and support from the Pathway team
- Ringfenced for Swindon and north Wiltshire students

Great Western Hospital NHS Trust 2

- VWEX for 300 year 10-13 students interested in Medicine, nursing, midwifery, clinical psychology, allied health professions, non-clinical roles within the NHS
- Students need to complete 10 hours of work spread over 2 weeks
- Live Q&A sessions with health care professionals, meet the GWH team, complete activities
- Starts 28th June
- Ringfenced for Swindon (via Study Higher) and north Wiltshire students

EBP West Berkshire

- Careers Hub funded project
- 400 1-day virtual work experience placements through the Preparing for Work programme
- The cohort will consist of 2 sessions of approximately 200 students per cohort
- Ringfenced for Swindon and north Wiltshire students
- ECs coordinating participation
- Discussions started with Nova Herod and Corsham School

Class of your Own

- Careers Hub funded project
- 5 day activity to promote STEM careers in engineering, architecture and construction
- Placements for 100 students in July
- South Wiltshire initially, potential for offer to made to north Wiltshire schools

Springpod

- Careers Hub funded project
- In talks with Springpod to create engineering VWEX opportunity for students across Swindon and Wiltshire
- Aiming for this academic year

FE Collaboration Project

- Development underway

Future of VWEX?

- Blended approach gaining momentum
 - Construction company using VWEX to screen candidates for face-to-face WEX
 - Utilities company using VWEX as part of apprenticeship recruitment process
- Employers recognising that VWEX allows them to reach a more diverse audience of students
 - Geographical barriers don't apply
 - Age barriers negated

BM6: Dec 2019 / Mar 2021 Comparison

Proportion of students that have had a meaningful experience of a workplace by the end of year 11

	Dec 2019		Mar 2021	
	No of Schools	% of Schools	No of Schools	% of Schools
None	0	0%	1	3%
A few (1-25%)	4	11%	6	16%
Some (26-50%)	6	16%	7	19%
Most (51-75%)	7	19%	7	19%
Overwhelming majority (76-100%)	20	54%	16	43%
Total	37	100%	37	100%

BM6: Dec 2019 / Mar 2021 Comparison

Proportion of students that have obtained a meaningful experience of a workplace during years 12 and 13

	Dec 2019		Mar 2021	
	No of Schools	% of Schools	No of Schools	% of Schools
None	0	0%	0	0%
A few (1-25%)	1	4%	3	13%
Some (26-50%)	2	9%	5	21%
Most (51-75%)	3	13%	3	13%
Overwhelming majority (76-100%)	17	74%	13	54%
Total	23	100%	24	100%

Benchmark 6 data update

- 16 schools updated Compass in April
 - BM6 achievement increased by 2pp in Swindon and Wiltshire to 40% fully achieved
 - Swindon and Wiltshire now above national average by +1.15pp