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Why do work experience ?

- Important for some degree courses: medicine, engineering, law
- Help clarify what you want to do for work
- Demonstrates key employability skills:
 - reliability
 - good at listening and communicating
 - a problem solver
 - can work with others
 - committed
 - organised



Finding & getting work experience

- Talk to friends, family and wider network to see if there may be opportunities.
- Using an online map search for companies in your area in a sector you are interested in.
- Email/call companies that look interesting to see if they can offer work experience. A great email can often open doors. See below for advice on writing a cover letter.
- If you are an aspiring lawyer you might like to sit in court and observe some cases during the work experience week.
- Think about volunteering opportunities: local festivals e.g. near Winchester we have the Chalke Valley History Festival or the Winchester Hat Fayre.
- You could volunteer in a primary schools, charity shops if you don't have experience of that through CS.
- If you're interested in medicine you might be able to work in a research lab, or in a health care company, as well as getting work experience in a GP surgery or shadowing a doctor in a hospital for a few days.
- There are many small companies that might take you if you reach out them. In no particular order these might include: design companies, engineering firms, advertising and marketing, web design, gyms, app development, hotels, restaurants, farms, architectural firms, local newspapers, publishing houses, museums, labs, your local planning office, energy companies, local radio or production company, fashion house, accountancy firms.



USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

[Take control of your future | Meet Springpod](#)

[Choose Your Career Experience - InvestIN Education](#)

[Steps to Success | Student Ladder Start Profile](#)

[Forge - Virtual Work Experience Bright Network](#)



FINANCE

[HSBC Student Opportunities](#)

[PWC's Virtual Classroom](#)

[KPMG Data Analytics Work Experience](#)



CREATIVE

[Ambassador Theatre Group Work Experience](#)

[Halliday Fraser and Munroe - Architecture and Design Virtual Work Experience](#)

[M C Saatchi](#)



MEDICINE & VETERINARY MEDICINE

[Virtual Veterinary Work Experience](#)

[Virtual GP Observation](#)

LAW

[The Lawyer Portal - Work Experience in Law](#)

[Work experience - Osborne Clarke | Osborne Clarke](#)

ADVICE ON WRITING CVS & COVERING LETTERS

[CV Writing](#)

[Writing a cover letter](#)

ONLINE COURSES

For online courses and developing learning beyond the curriculum there are a lot of good Massive Open Online Courses or MOOCs such as Coursera and Udemy. In addition it is worth looking at:

[iDEA - free mini online courses](#)

[Skills Gap offers online digital workshops for 15 to 19 year olds.](#)



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