

Why?

Time spent in a work place environment has always been seen as an important part of a young person's education. The aim of the present S4 programme is to support the young people involved in the development of their key employability skills. A placement will give them a real experience of what the world of work is like. The placement opportunities that pupils can participate in are many and varied but they all have one thing in common, the key employability skills listed below.

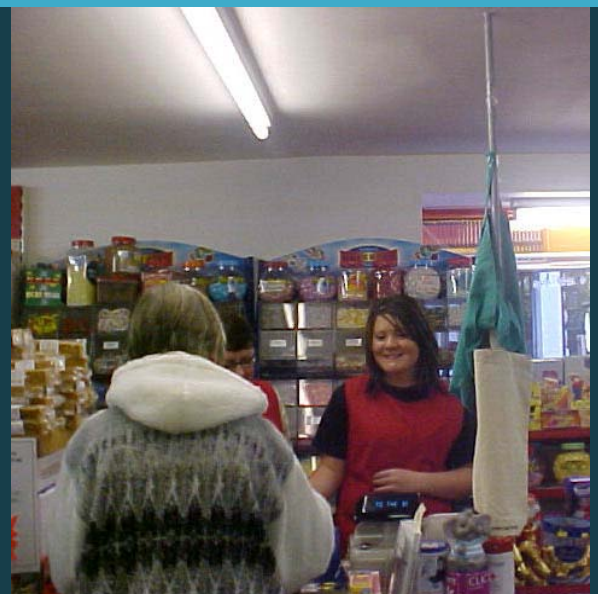


How?

It is important to emphasise that work experience in S4 is not designed as a training exercise in the skills related to one particular career. There aren't enough employers in any one career area to allow this to happen. The focus is very much on skills and the development of an understanding that skills are transferable from one career area to another. The pupils involved will also be encouraged to consider work placement opportunities that will help them to develop particular skills that they have identified as being of interest to them,

What ?

Your child may be interested in hairdressing. Unfortunately the demand for this type of placement vastly outnumbers the availability. Where a hairdressing placement is not available your child will be asked to look at the key employability skills and consider another career area where these skills would be required, e.g. customer care skills would be just as important in a shop or restaurant.



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Teamwork
Commitment
Honesty

Punctuality
Respect
Reliability