



## Transition Year Work Experience Information for Students 2020/2021

- Students must organise **three** <u>different</u> work placements **and one** community service placement for Transition Year.
- Students are not permitted to use part time jobs for work experience purposes and <u>do</u> <u>not</u> receive payment for work done.
- Insurance is in place and covers most placements. However, working with horses or dangerous dogs is not covered.
- Students who apply early get the best placements and have, in general, more worthwhile work experiences.
- You will be asked by the school for the contact details of each placement. Therefore it is imperative you have accurate information relating to your <u>contact person's name</u>, <u>phone number and email address</u>.
- Students must be 16 to be Garda Vetted.

## Securing a Work Experience / Community Service Placement

- Prepare a cover letter and your CV.
- Contact the employer either in person, email or phone. If you do not hear back within a reasonable amount of time you may need to follow up with a phone call or a visit to the premises. You may need to apply to several places before you are successful.
- You will need to know the dates of your work experience. Always ask the name of
  the person to whom you are speaking and keep a record of this incase you need to
  contact them again.
- If calling into a location in person, have the necessary paperwork such as the Our Lady's School 'letter to the Employer' and insurance letter with you.
- Make sure you get your contact person's name, number and email. The school will need this information.
- It is your responsibility to organise and coordinate with your work experience placement.
- Work experience is a fantastic opportunity to investigate potential career paths you
  may want to pursue after school. It is also worth considering jobs from many diverse
  areas, as very often a placement you might never have considered can end up being
  the one you excel in the most.
- Research work placements and try and connect with businesses that will be able to give you a worthwhile experience.

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