



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an exciting and valuable opportunity for our Year 12 students - our annual Work Experience Week, which will take place from Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July 2025.

Work Experience Week is a crucial part of your child's personal and academic development as it offers invaluable insights into the world of work. It helps students explore career paths, gain practical skills, and build professional relationships—all of which can significantly enhance their future applications for university (UCAS) or apprenticeships.

Here are some key reasons why work experience is so important:

1. **Strengthening UCAS Applications:** Admissions tutors are looking for students who not only have academic qualifications but also real-world experience. Relevant work experience helps students stand out by demonstrating initiative, commitment, and a deeper understanding of the subject they wish to pursue.
2. **Boosting Apprenticeship Applications:** Employers offering apprenticeships are keen to see candidates with hands-on experience. A solid work placement shows that students are prepared for the workplace, have developed professional skills, and can thrive in a real-world environment.
3. **Exploring Career Options:** Work experience allows students to get a clearer idea of whether a particular career path aligns with their interests and strengths, helping them make more informed choices about their future.

Once your child has secured a placement, we kindly ask that all placement details be logged onto **Unifrog**, our online platform designed to help students manage their work experience information and track their progress. This will also allow the school to verify the placement and provide support as needed. During the process parents will need to approve the placement so please look out for an email from Unifrog once your child has found a placement. All students have log in details and have already been introduced to this system.

We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and support them in finding a placement that suits their interests and career aspirations. Students are unable to carry out placements with current employers. Should you or your child have any questions or require further assistance in finding a placement, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support in helping make this an enriching and rewarding experience for our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Saccaggi  
Year 12 Progress Lead

