

# Beal Sixth Form – Virtual Work Experience

## The benefits of a virtual work placement:

### No fixed location -

**Virtual work placements** are open to everyone and location does not need to be a limiting factor. This opens many possibilities for students to explore new jobs and industries in areas that may not have been possible under face-to-face arrangements.

### Work experience is free -

The majority of virtual work experience placements are **free**, although some employers charge for the opportunity. Working from home will also mean no related travel related costs.

### Experience for the future -

**Remote working** is important to many businesses and learning how to conduct business and work online will develop extremely valuable skills for the modern workplace.

### Transferable skills -

Working from home can present its **own challenges** and taking part in virtual work experience placements will help students develop soft skills that all employers are seeking, including organisation, time-management and self-motivation.

### Knowing what's right (and what isn't right) -

Understanding what a job or a career entails might help students make decisions about whether or not that role is right for them in the future.

## **Useful links:**

### **[Speakers for schools](#)**

Speakers for schools is a charity which helps young people access high quality work experience to help them plan for their future careers.

### **[Springpod](#)**

Springpod allow students to explore work experience and university taster courses.

### **[The parents' guide to virtual work experience](#)**

A parents' guide to the potential benefits of virtual work experience and a selection of the employers that offer virtual work experience.

### **[Forage](#)**

Bite-sized five-to-six-hour virtual work experience programs that give students a genuine career advantage with Fortune 500 companies.

### **[Barclays life skills](#)**

A comprehensive careers advisory platform including virtual work experience.

### **[Sutton Trust Pathways Programme](#)**

The Sutton Trust provides virtual work experience for students enrolled in their Pathways programmes. These programmes help young people from less advantaged backgrounds.