

# CAREERS@NEWSTEAD

Creating opportunities for success

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Introduction from Ms Dalton

At Newstead we believe in supporting you to understand the wide variety of career options open to you. In my view there is no better way to understand a career than to undertake work experience, where you get to meet people actually working in the role, shadow them and sometimes, undertake the kinds of work they do yourself. You'll learn about the working environment and routes into that profession, all of which can be extremely useful - even if you decide you don't want to do that in the future.

It's also really fun 'adulting' for a short time so you can envision what life might be like for you in the future!

Our students undertake work experience in Year 12 for a week. We provide insight days (visits to workplaces) for students in KS4.

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# Work Experience

## What is work experience (WEX) and why is it so important?

- Work experience is normally a short, specified time in a work environment of choice.
- It gives students the chance to try out their career ideas. They may love the company and the work and know that they have made the correct choice of career, however equally they may decide that the industry is not for them, which is beneficial as they won't spend time going down the wrong pathway.
- Students gain an insight into the workplace, acquire employability skills, improve their communication and teamwork skills and develop confidence in their interaction with adults.
- WEX is a valuable way to get ahead in the interview process for university and work. It shows admissions staff and employers that students have taken the time to gain experience in the world of work.
- In today's competitive world, work experience is a "must-have" to add to a CV or personal statement.

## Work experience for Year 7-11 students

Work experience also incorporates part time jobs, volunteering, and networking. Possibilities, depending on age, include working at a swimming pool, Explore Learning, helping at a stables or an animal shelter or volunteering at a care home by playing an instrument, the list is endless.



## Unifrog news

### Adding a placement or activity onto your account

#### Years 7-11

Go to "recording what you've done", find "activities" (pink box), then add your activities.

#### Year 12

Go to "exploring pathways", find "placements" (lilac box), click on "add new placement" and fill in the details. The form will automatically generate forms that need to be filled in and signed by the company, parents/carers and the school. This is a legal requirement and must be completed for the placement to go ahead.

## Year 12 WEX : Thurs 11-Wed 17 July

- It is mandatory that students find a work experience placement themselves, although they can ask if they need help.
- Once an employer has agreed to their placement, students **must** log the details onto Unifrog (see below in the Unifrog section), as this will automatically trigger forms to parents, the school and the employer. This process must be finalised so that the placement can take place.
- WEX in the summer term is very popular, so students should get ahead by looking as soon as possible, before all the opportunities are taken.

## How to find work experience

- Ask family, friends and neighbours.
- Google "finding work experience" and see what the internet comes up with.
- Connect with other LinkedIn users, especially Newstead alumni, as they love to help current students. If you are not on this very useful platform, then we suggest you sign up.
- Find what companies are located within a reasonable distance of your house. Phone them to find out the name of the person who organises WEX, email them with a copy of your CV, and follow up with a phone call.

# CONNECTING CURRICULUM TO CAREERS



**Spotlight on  
finance, accounting and  
economics**

There are many different job roles within the finance sector, including working in pensions, tax, insurance companies or as an auditor, a stockbroker or an actuary among others. However in this newsletter we will look at finance, accounting and economics.

## **What is the difference between finance and accounting**

Accounting tends to focus on the day-to-day flow of money in and out of a company or institution, whereas finance is a broader term for the management of assets and liabilities and the planning of future growth. So choosing between the two will depend upon the strengths and interests of the individual.

## **What is the difference between economics and finance?**

Traditionally economics is more theoretical and finance more practical, however in recent years the two have converged. Economics is part of the social sciences group and explores the full range of issues that impact on financial situations and decisions.

## **Apprenticeships**

Can I apply for a degree apprenticeship in finance, accounting or economics? Yes there are many companies such as EY, Deloitte, PwC, JP Morgan, KPMG who offer a huge range of different level apprenticeships.

## **Spotlight on Accountancy**

*What skills are required for accountancy?* Good numeracy and computing skills and attention to detail.

*What A Level grades do I need to go to university?* An A or B in Maths is essential (although the London School of Economics expect A\*).

*What A Levels should I study to become an accountant?* Apart from Maths, other A Levels could include Business Studies, Economics, Statistics or Computing.

*How long does it take to become an accountant?* 3-4 years to study for the degree. There are also a variety of professional qualifications to take after a degree.

*Can I be an accountant with an economics degree?* Yes, as you would have a knowledge of tax, accounting and auditing, however it may depend upon the university course.

*Could AI replace accounting?* No, aspects of the accounting profession require human expertise and judgement.

# What's happening - Careers@Newstead



## **Careers@lunchtime Events**

Wednesday 13 March : Careers in the NHS

Wednesday 24 April (tbc) : Careers in the Media Industry

## **Year 11 - Careers Guidance Interviews**

By mid March, all Year 11 students will have been offered a careers guidance interview

## **Trips/Opportunities**

Tuesday 27 Feb: National Apprenticeship Show

Tues 5 March: WeCanBe - Lord Mayor's Initiative

Friday 15 March: Goldman Sachs, London

Wednesday 20 March: Luminary Law event, London

*If you have any questions or careers related topics you would like us to include in future newsletters, please contact [careers@newstead.co.uk](mailto:careers@newstead.co.uk)*