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Year 10 Information Evening

October 2026



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Plan for tonight

- The Religion & Philosophy GCSE update & Pre-Public Examination preparation – **Mrs Thomas**
- The year ahead for all Year 10 students – **Mr Pringle**
- The preparation for GCSE's and what makes a successful Key Stage 4 student – **Mr Gillett**
- The upcoming Work Experience weeks for Year 10 (July 2027) – **Mr Bell**



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Religion & Philosophy

Mrs Thomas, Head of R&P



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Religious Studies GCSE

Early entry GCSE - Sat in May of Year 10

KEY DATES:

1st PPE - After October half term

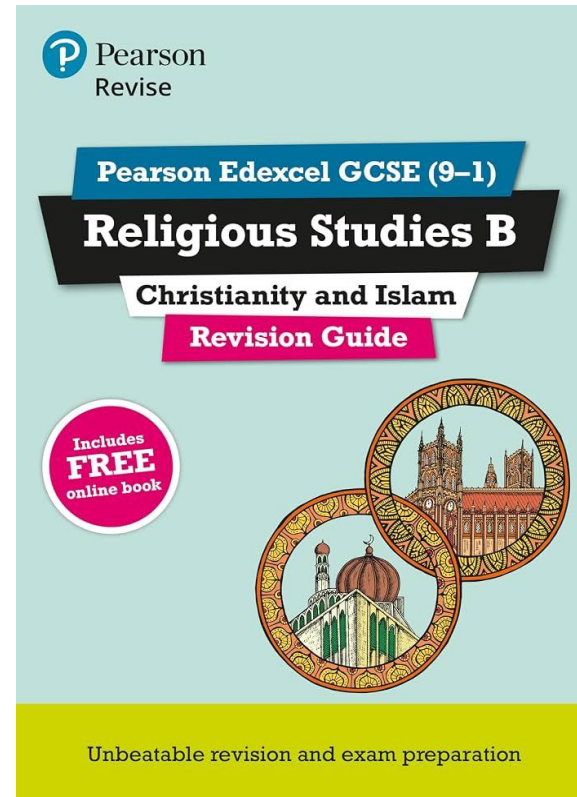
2nd PPE - Start of March

(precise dates of PPE TBC by the examination team)

Public examinations:

Thursday 13th May – Paper 1: Religion and Ethics (Islam)

Friday 21st May- Paper 2: Religion, Peace and Conflict (Christianity)





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First PPE

After October half term

Topics:

- Christian Beliefs
- Living the Christian Life
- Muslim Beliefs
- Marriage and the Family

1 paper, 1hr 45 minutes (more if your child has extra time)





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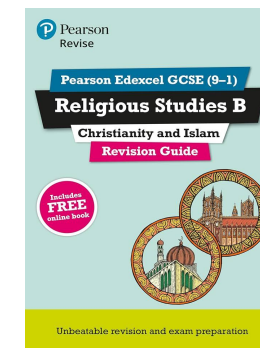
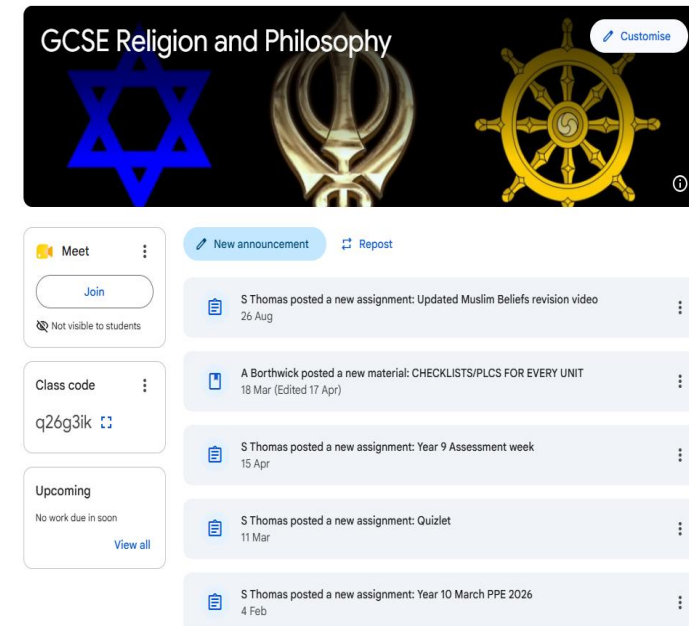
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How can I help my child prepare for their first PPE?

1. Look at the Google classrooms revision page together (**q26g3ik**)
2. Help them create a revision timetable so they cover all four topics
3. Ask them to revisit the PLCs on google classrooms so they ensure they are revising all elements of the specification
4. Encourage them to watch the revision videos for each unit that our RP team have created, which are on google classrooms and make notes
5. Remind them to use the revision sheets on GC create flash cards or mind maps (most have done this already as it was their summer homework)



Exam board:

Edexcel B
Religious Studies-
*Christianity and
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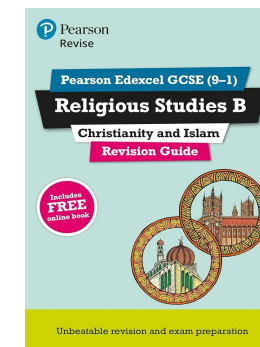
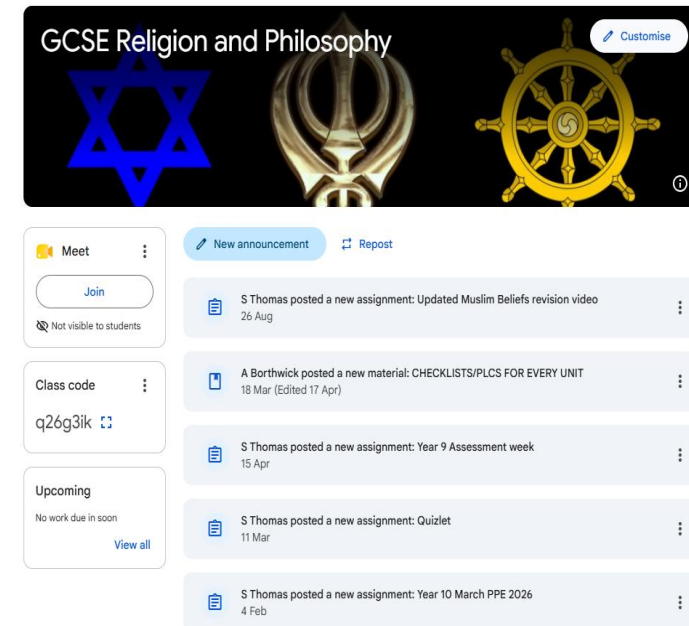
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How can I help my child prepare for their first PPE?

6. Look at the practice questions document together and select a few questions for them to attempt
7. Remind them their teachers are happy to mark any practice questions they have completed, at any point in the year
8. Create an environment for them to work in- quiet space, no mobile phone
9. Consider helping them with how much time to spend on revision:

A good method is called the ***Pomodoro*** technique:

25 mins revision, 5 min break, 25 minutes revision, 5 minute break, 25 minutes revision, 5 mins break, 25 minutes revision, longer break/end revision)



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Religious Studies GCSE

Year 10 Revision Corridor Sessions-
GC code: fy6k5u7

Encourage them to attend our online revision sessions

More will be delivered later in the year but before the first PPE:



Wednesday 14th October- **Christian beliefs (4pm online Ms, 4.35pm Es)**

Wednesday 21st October- **Muslim beliefs (4pm online Ms, 4.35pm Es)**

This year we will be running two identical sessions online as last year so many wanted to come. The first starts at 4pm so that students have time to go home and get a snack/drink and their notes ready.

If your child absolutely cannot do their side of the year group's allocated time, please tell them come to the other session but if they can adhere to the M/E split, this will be most helpful.



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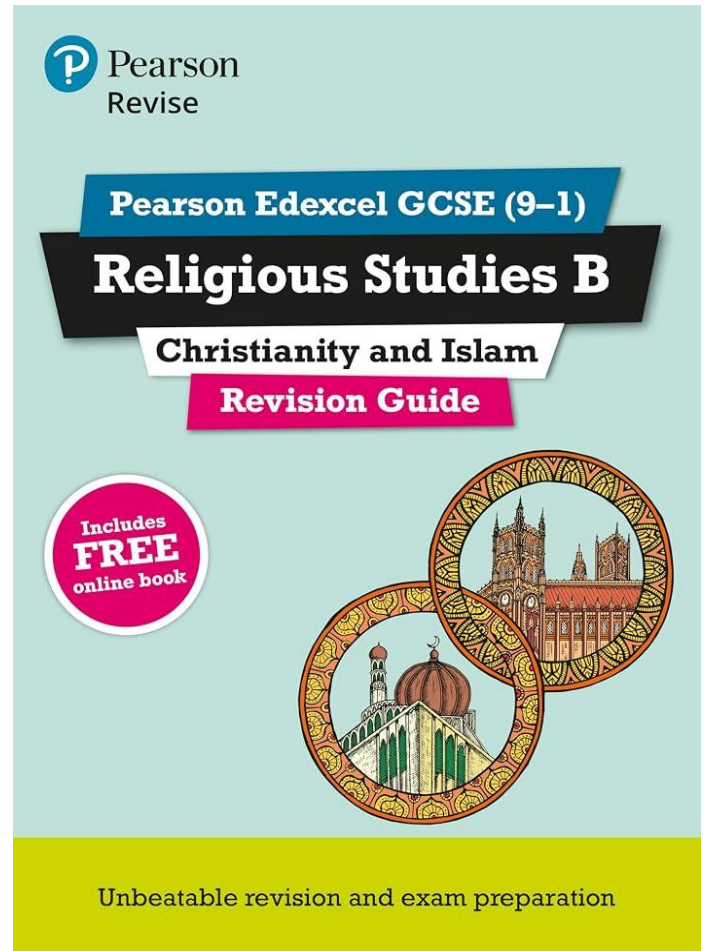


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Thank you so much
for supporting your
child with their first
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RP Parents Evening!

- Year 10 RP parents' evening- **Wednesday 2nd December 2026**
- Separate night but there is method to the madness



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The year ahead for all Year 10 students

Mr Pringle, Head of Year 10



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Key Dates

- Thursday 19 Nov – DCP1
- Wednesday 02 Dec – RP Parents Evening
- w/c Monday 08 Feb – School Production
- Thursday 11 Mar – DCP2
- Wednesday 19 May – Parents Evening
- w/c Monday 14 June – Assessment Week
- Thursday 17 June – DCP3
- June/July – Work Experience Week



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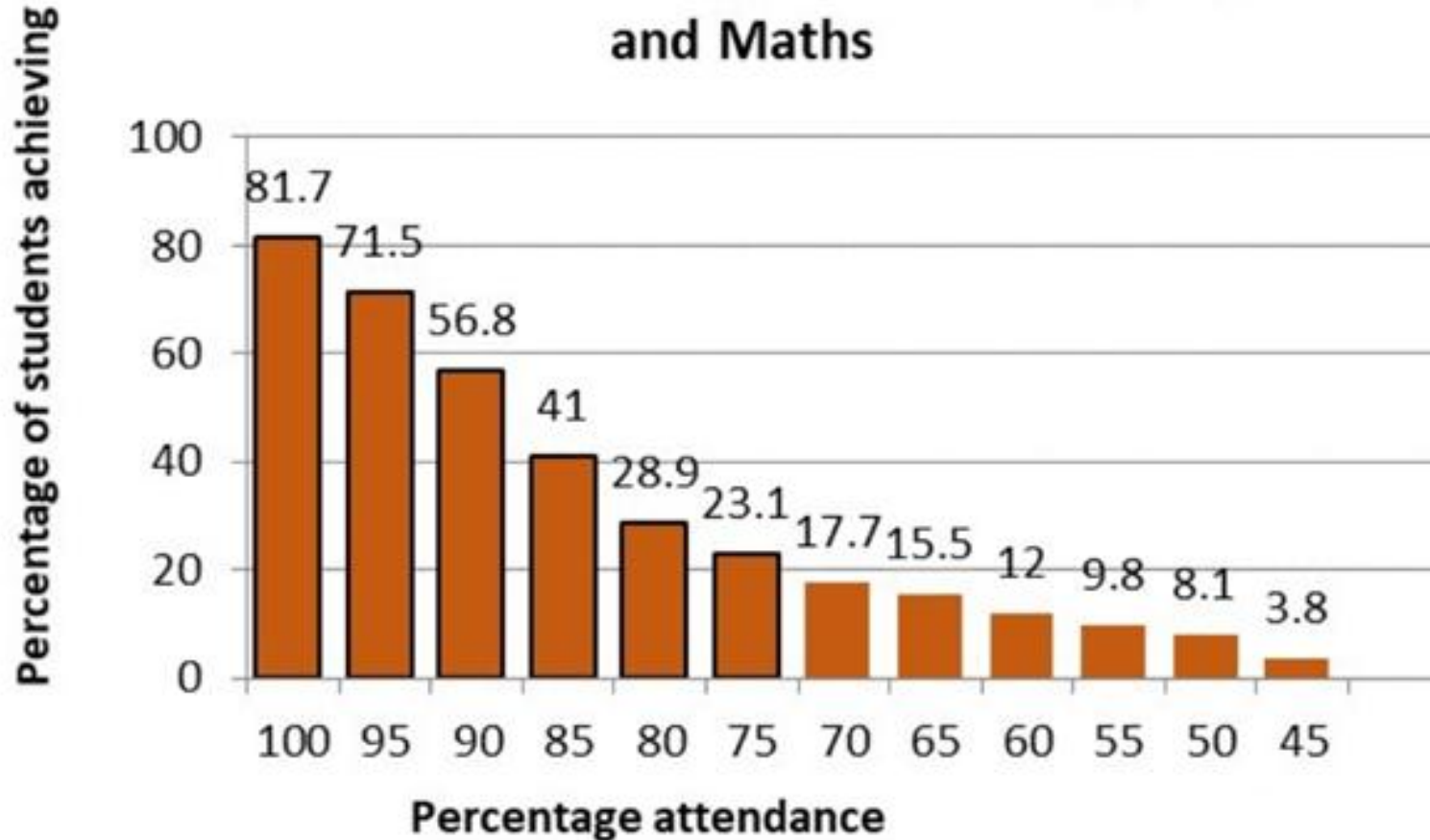
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Attendance

Chances of 5+ GCSE 5-9 grades including English and Maths



Attendance	Effect on Results (per GCSE or equivalent)
96 – 100%	+1.4
92 – 95.9%	-0.7
90 – 91.9%	-1.5
85 – 89.9%	-1.9
80 – 84.9%	-2.7
0 – 79.9%	-3.3



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Average number of days absent



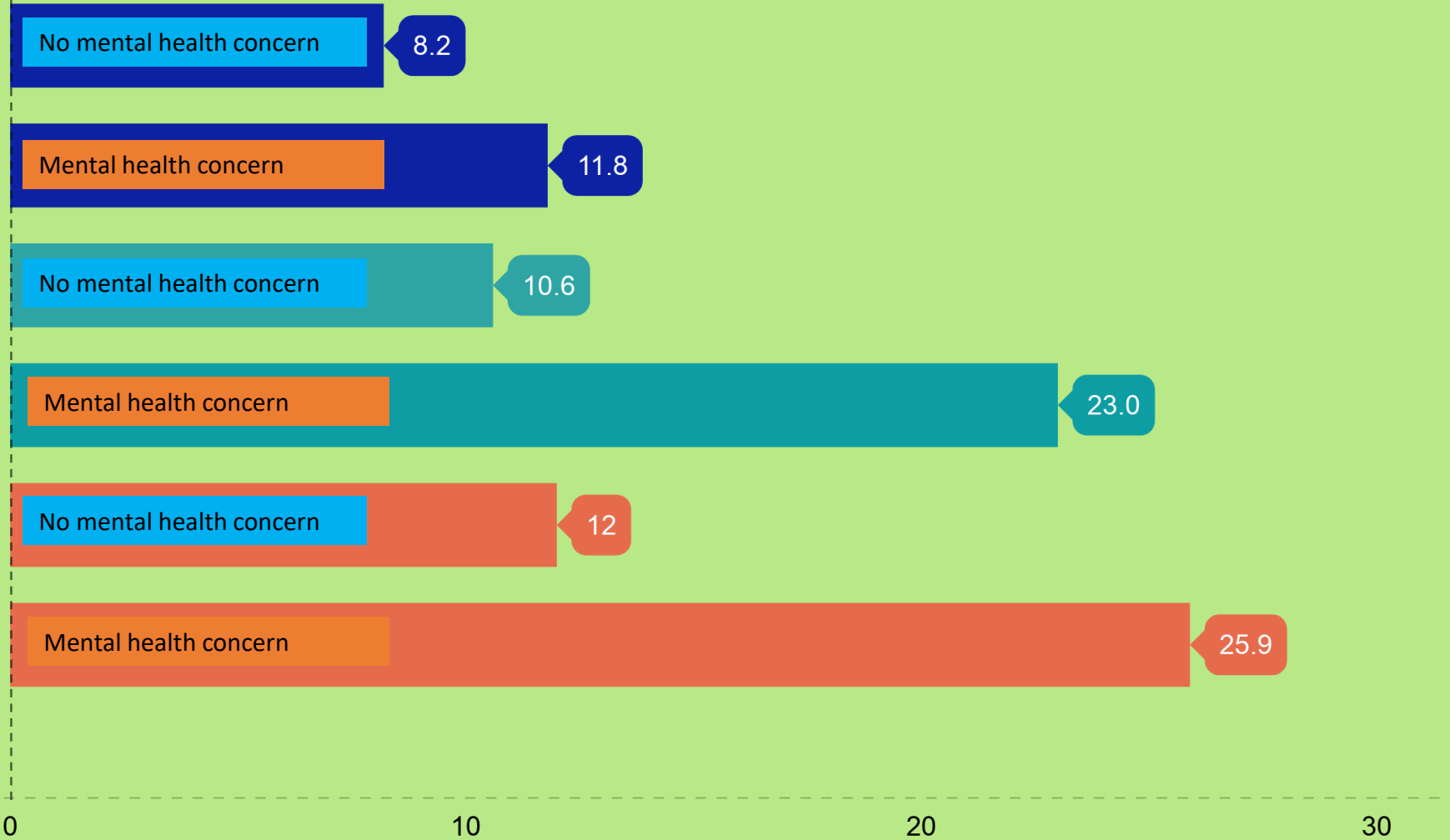
Years 1-6



Years 7-10



Years 11-12





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Be present, be prepared, be proactive

- Be present
 - Excellent attendance, punctuality and engagement.
- Be prepared
 - Organised, equipped, completing work and gradually developing revision habits.
- Be proactive
 - Ask for help, respond to feedback, take opportunities and start thinking about the future



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The preparation for GCSE's and what makes a successful Key Stage 4 student

Mr Gillett, Assistant Headteacher



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What makes a successful Key Stage 4 student

- Pupil to student
- Organisation
- Ownership of learning
- Know the enemy
- Hitting deadlines
- Attendance
- Stress management



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The preparation for GCSE's

- Lessons grade making, grade securing, grade getting
- Assessments
- PPEs
- boosters
- Revision strategies and planning
- Revision corridors
- Three-way partnership



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Year 10 Work Experience (July 2027)

Mr Bell, Assistant Headteacher



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Work experience –

M Classes – Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July 2027

E Classes – Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July 2027

About Education Business Partnership – EBP

- Based in Newbury
- Work with students in secondary schools and colleges
- Sourcing work experience placements to provide an insight into the world of work





Work Experience Options

Route One

Own Placement

- Student/Parent/Guardian find their **own placement** using their own contacts
- EBP will carry out pre-placement checks and issue relevant paperwork

Route Two

EBP sourced placements

- EBP will source placements for the school
- Students will access the jobs using the Link2 system to select available jobs
- EBP will use Link2 to allocate students to chosen jobs



Route One : Finding an Own Placement

- Who could provide a work experience placement ?

Family

Friends

Contacts

- Employers must have full Employer Liability Insurance cover
- There may be charges for some pre-placement checks outside of Berkshire
- Student and Employer complete and sign an Own Placement form which is returned to the EBP via school. Student **MUST** also select 4 jobs using Link2 in case the placement falls through

Route Two : EBP Sourced placements

- All students will choose 4 jobs using an on-line system called Link2- including those who get an Own Placement.
- Parental/Guardian/Carer consent will be required for your choices
- You will be given your own individual PIN to access the system
- A full set of guidelines will be issued to assist you with using Link2
- The EBP will issue you with a placement description once your placement is confirmed.

Opportunity List

Records 1 to 16 of 16

	Organisation	Job Title	Town	Postcode	Job No.	Details
	Aldermaston C of E Primary School	Classroom Assistant	Reading	RG7 4LX	774	View
	Andrew Simpson Centres	Water sports Assistant	Reading	RG7 4AP	4806	View
	Arborfield Green Leisure Centre	Leisure Centre Assistant	Reading	RG2 9GB	7535	View
	Bluematchbox Potters Supplies	General Assistant	Grazeley	RG7 1JF	7106	View
	Bulmershe Leisure Centre	Leisure Centre Assistant	Woodley	RG5 3EU	3093	View
	City Electrical Factors Ltd (CEF)	Electrical Sales Assistant	Tilehurst	RG30 6BX	5447	View
	Crumbs Food Company	Catering Assistant	Reading	RG30 1EA	4412	View
	iScream Gelateria	General Assistant	Oxford	OX1 3DZ	6830	View
	Kilnsea Pre-School	Childcare Assistant	Lower Earley, Reading	RG6 3HE	7593	View
	Loddon Valley Leisure Centre (Places Leisure)	Leisure Centre Assistant	Reading	RG6 4GD	3923	View
	Lottie Crocker Horses and Tack Shop Ltd	Yard Assistant	Spencers Wood	RG7 1HT	6633	View
	Mansion House (Harvester)	Restaurant Assistant	Reading	RG30 2ND	3081	View
	Muddy Ducks Nursery	Nursery Assistant	Wokingham	RG10 0TH	6665	View
	Repair Centre Plus	Mechanic Assistant	Reading	RG7 5RT	6797	View
	Ryeish Green Sports Centre	Leisure Centre Assistant	Reading	RG7 1EP	7536	View
	Shine Dental and Facial Ltd	General Assistant	Twyford	RG10 9NY	7378	View



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Please bear in mind when considering placements for 2027

- Some employers are now hybrid working and so not in the office all week, eg '**IT/Computing**', '**Finance**' and '**Legal Services**'.
- **JD Sports**, **Sports Direct** and **Foot Locker** do not offer work experience to Year 10 students.
- Most **vets** like students to approach them directly so try and get an 'Own Placement'
- Many '**Healthcare**' providers do not offer work experience – '**Dental Practices**', '**Doctors**' and '**Hospitals**' do not take students for work experience.
- **Building and construction** is difficult to find work experience in due to the high-risk nature of the work (e.g. plant machinery moving around) and lack of staff to supervise a student.
- Industries such as '**Engineering**, **Manufacturing** and **Production**' generally already have their own work experience programme running at times to suit them.
- **Performing Arts**: Normally run their own WEX applications at set times throughout the year.
- <https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Students/Schools-Work-Experience.html>

Planning and Preparation for the placement

- Pre-placement checks are carried out for EBP sourced and Own Placements, covering Health and safety checks and placement details
- We ensure that correct Insurance is in place
- All students are issued with a placement description of the role including start/finish times, dress code and supervisor information.
- The placement hours are unlikely to be the same as school hours and could be up to a **maximum** of 8 hours a day
- As soon as students get placement details they **must** contact their employer if this is requested on the placement description, eg phone call, initial meeting or interview



Students' Comments

"Overall my work experience placement was great, despite it being not what I wanted (I wanted to work in the IT department or as a real estate agent). But I have learnt many life skills which I may not learn anywhere else, so I feel extremely grateful to be a part of this and I hope to seek more opportunities in the future."

"I was offered a chance for a degree level internship when I leave School at Natwest, and am very thankful for the opportunity to work there again."

"I really enjoyed my work experience, and it gave me idea of what I enjoy doing and how to communicate to others and to take risks."



Employers' Comments

“We find that having students on a work experience placement gives them the chance to experience the business world and sometimes a student really shines and wants to have a career in the industry. We have had a couple of students over the years that end up returning once they have left school and joining us for an apprenticeship. This is beneficial to the company as we get to see how they perform and learn before joining us in a position.”

Elmdale Maintenance Ltd, Aldermaston

“It's always refreshing to have a new pair of eyes in the business, particularly in teams where we have a lot of historical processes, and it's always great to hear new ideas and new suggestions.”

Ascot Racecourse

“We enjoy having students work with us as it means we can spot potential talent and it gives the student a chance to see retail for what it really is.”

M&S Reading

“We have benefited in seeing how the younger generation view our industry, safe in the knowledge that there is still genuine interest in either becoming a tradesperson or working in that environment. It has also given us an insight in to how we can improve and help new people wanting to work for our company.”

Pilon Ltd, Bracknell



Can you help?

- We are always looking for companies in a wide range of industries
- Could YOUR company offer work experience placements?





Work experience launched at Year 10 information evening	Thursday 8 October 2026
'Own placement' details due in to school	Friday 22 February 2027
Link 2 system open to students	w/c Monday 1 March 2027
Placement details confirmed	w/c Monday 31 May 2027
Work Experience Week	M Classes – Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July 2027 E Classes – Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July 2026

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100% of funds raised by MESPA directly support Maiden Erlegh students.

EVERY PARENT IS ALREADY A MEMBER OF MESPA

MESPA-funded resources



Science Equipment



Sports Equipment



Classroom Technology



Curriculum Resources

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MESPA is looking for enthusiastic parents and carers to support our school community.

- Accounting | Finance | Marketing | Social Media
- Event planning | Fundraising
- Administration | Organisation

No
previous
PTA
experience
is required
— support
provided.

Ways to support MESPA

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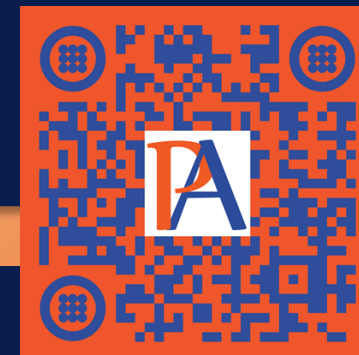


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