

Work Experience Guidance 2025/26

Businesses who have said they would be happy to have students again on placement from Thorns Collegiate Academy		
Name of Business	Nature of Business	Additional Notes
Europa Complete Bathrooms	Bathroom fitting	
A&T Enclosures Ltd	Bespoke electrical	
Astons Butchers	Butchers	
Scope	Charity Shop	
Webbs Garden Centre	Garden Centre/Retail	
Supercuts	Hairdressers	Students cannot undertake work experiences within the aesthetics field
Vanity Hair and Beauty	Hairdressers/Beautician	
Lift Craft Ltd	Lift engineering	
Brierley Lifting Tackle Co Ltd	Lifting gear stockist	
The Crosby Group UK Limited	Manufacturing	
Little Explorers	Nursery	
Cradley Play		
Little Explorers Nursery		
Happy Faces Nursery		
Playbox nursery		
Cradley C of E Primary	Primary School	If students wish to undertake work experience in a primary school it is advised that they do not return to their own primary school as this is a more authentic placement. It is also important that students who want to undertake work experience in a primary school ask about the types of tasks they will be doing - at the end of the academic year students on work experience are often used to complete admin and tidying tasks rather than working directly with the children.
Brook Primary School		
Withymoor Primary School		
Corngreaves Primary		
Tenterfields Primary		
Peters Hill		
Kate Hill Primary		
Quarry Bank Primary School		
Hob Green Primary School		
Greenfield Primary School		
Thorns Primary School		
Dudley Wood Primary School		
Bromley Pensnett Primary School		
Middlemore Recruitment	Recruitment Agency	
Premier Convenience Store	Retail	
Sallywags	Soft Play Centre	
Mitek Industries Ltd	Technology and products for the construction sector	
Lowes Transport	Transport Company	
Prestige Vehicles Ltd	Vehicle bodywork shop	

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Some other suggestions of businesses to approach who may be able to support a placement	
Name of Business	Nature of Business
The Mark Butler Golf Academy	Animal care, green keeping, café/hospitality
Mind the Monkeys	Nursery
Leasowes Park	Local nature reserves
Baggeridge Park	
Saltwells Nature Reserve	
Harrisions Vets	Veterinary Practice
Orchard Vets	
Manor Vets	
Pets at Home	Retail
Arnold Clarke	Automotive showroom
Kendrick Homes	Commercial Property Services
Black Country Radio	Commercial Radio
Brierley Hill Interiors	Furniture Retail
Sunrise Medical	Mobility aids
Queens Cross Network	Working with physically handicapped adults
Swinford Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Priory Community Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Black Country Headway	Office administration
Black Country Housing	Office administration, home visits
Dudley MBC	Housing maintenance (contact details available from Mrs Sadler)
HMV	Retail
The Entertainer	Retail

Some other locations/businesses you might want to approach when looking for a placement
Halesowen College
Local Care Homes
Businesses in Peartree Lane Industrial Estate
Businesses in Coombswood Industrial Estate
Businesses in Silverend Industrial Estate
Various hairdressers, nail technicians and beauticians in Stourbridge and Oldswinford
Various charity shops in Brierley Hill and Stourbridge
Accountants in Brierley Hill and Stourbridge
Estate Agents in Brierley Hill
Businesses in the Waterfront e.g accountants, vets
Pharmacies in Lye and industrial estate off the Delph
West Midlands Ambulance - can ask about the paramedic awareness course, administrative work, work with 111 team