



**THE  
SIXTH  
FORM  
COLLEGE**  
**FARNBOROUGH**

# Enterprise Award

Meaningful employer engagement



The **Enterprise Award** is an integral element of your programme of study here at The Sixth Form College Farnborough. You are tasked with sourcing and participating in the equivalent to one week's meaningful employer engagement (otherwise known as work experience) before the start of your second year. This will allow you to undertake and evidence experience of work in an area relevant to your career aspirations or, if you are undecided on your career goal, a placement that will support you in exploring your progression options. This can take many forms:



A **work experience placement spread over a period of time** equivalent to at least one full working week, in a role either relevant to your career aspiration or, if undecided, that will support your progression/employability skills. This can be undertaken during the College day, during periods that you are not already committed.



A **volunteering placement** in a role either relevant to your career aspiration or, if undecided, that will support your progression/employability skills, spread over a period of time equivalent to at least one full working week. This can be undertaken during the College day, during periods that you are not already committed.



A **week long block placement** in a role either relevant to your career aspiration or, if undecided, that will support your progression/employability skills. This can be undertaken outside of term time (during reading weeks, easter or the summer holidays).



**Participating in more than one College organised employer-led project.** These take place throughout the year and are advertised via curriculum areas and the College News. You must be able to evidence your participation, and associated feedback from the employer, to be able to include this as part of your employer engagement.



A **placement undertaken with your part time employer** in a role relevant to your career aspiration - e.g. a potential medic employed in a supermarket might request that their employer permits them to undertake work experience in the pharmacy, or a potential business management undergraduate employed in a cafe might ask their employer if they could work with them on a new marketing plan.



If you undertake and evidence meaningful employer engagement, (MEE) whether in the form of a placement, regular volunteering etc, or secure a placement for the summer holidays which is then confirmed with the Prospects Team before 7 July 2017, you will not need to attend MEE workshops/projects in the College week commencing 10 July 2017.



Please note that several relevant, but maybe ad hoc volunteering/work experience opportunities may be undertaken over the course of the year in order to equate to 37 hours or more.

### Example:

A student taking A level photography, geography and maths may be asked to photograph an awards presentation evening on behalf of a charity. The student would liaise with the charity in advance, complete the photoshoot, then edit and present the final images to the client – **equivalent of 12 hours**. They might then be part of a canal clearance volunteer activity aimed at providing more suitable nesting areas for wildlife – they work with a canal conservation group to market the event in advance, photograph it, edit and present the images back to client. **Total number of hours on task is 19**. Finally, they undertake a group project with fellow students for a local junior school to create a lesson that promotes numeracy in a fun but challenging manner. **Hours on task is 10**.

All of the above activities are eligible – as long as evidence is provided and feedback from client is received.

For more information, contact the Prospects Team on  
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