



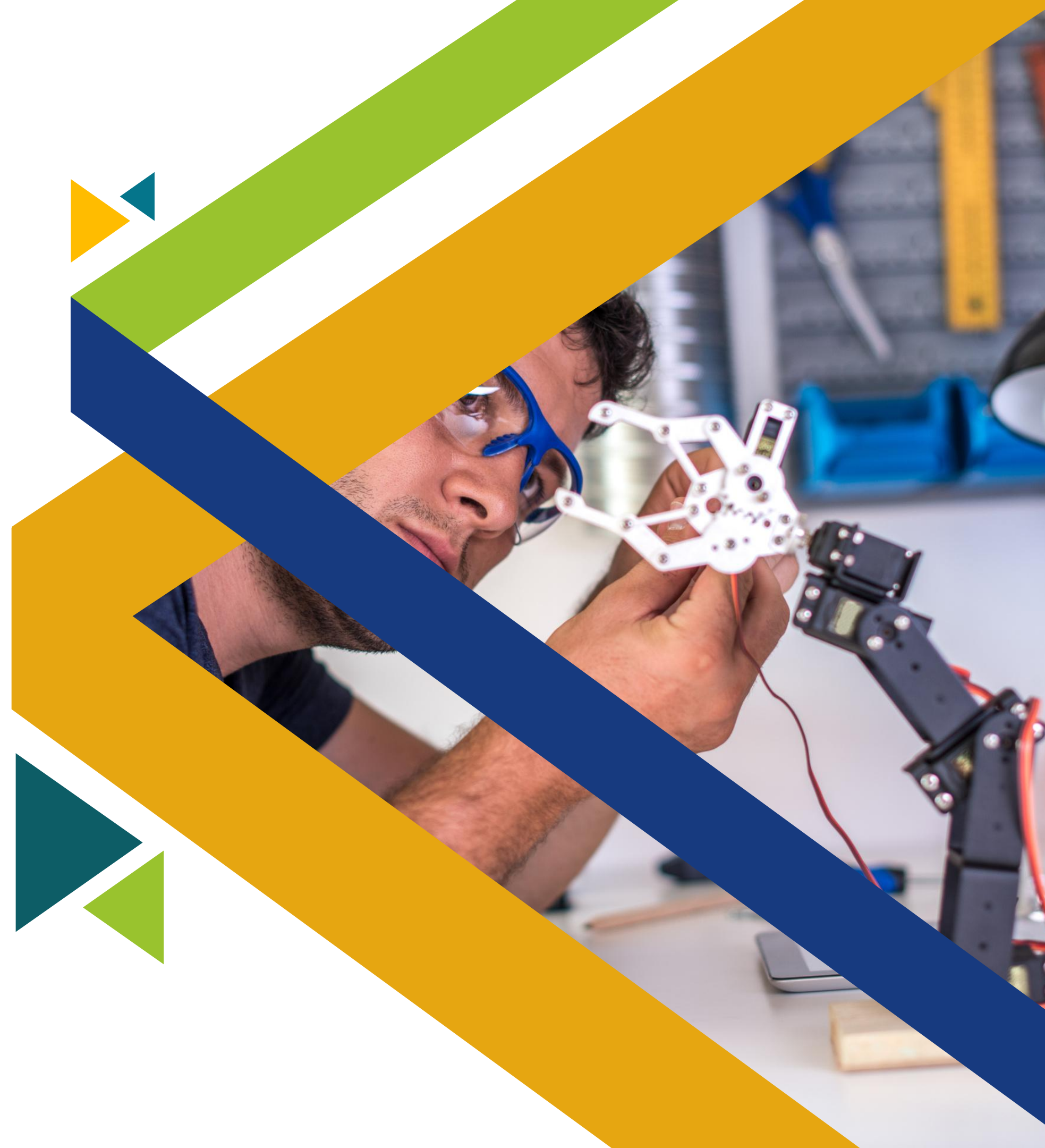
Leicestershire Education Business Company

WORK EXPERIENCE

2025/2026

Castle Mead

Academy



WHO ARE LEBC?



LEBC - Leicestershire Education
Business Company

WHAT IS WORK EXPERIENCE?



**A one-week work
experience
opportunity**



**A chance for you to
experience a real
working
environment**



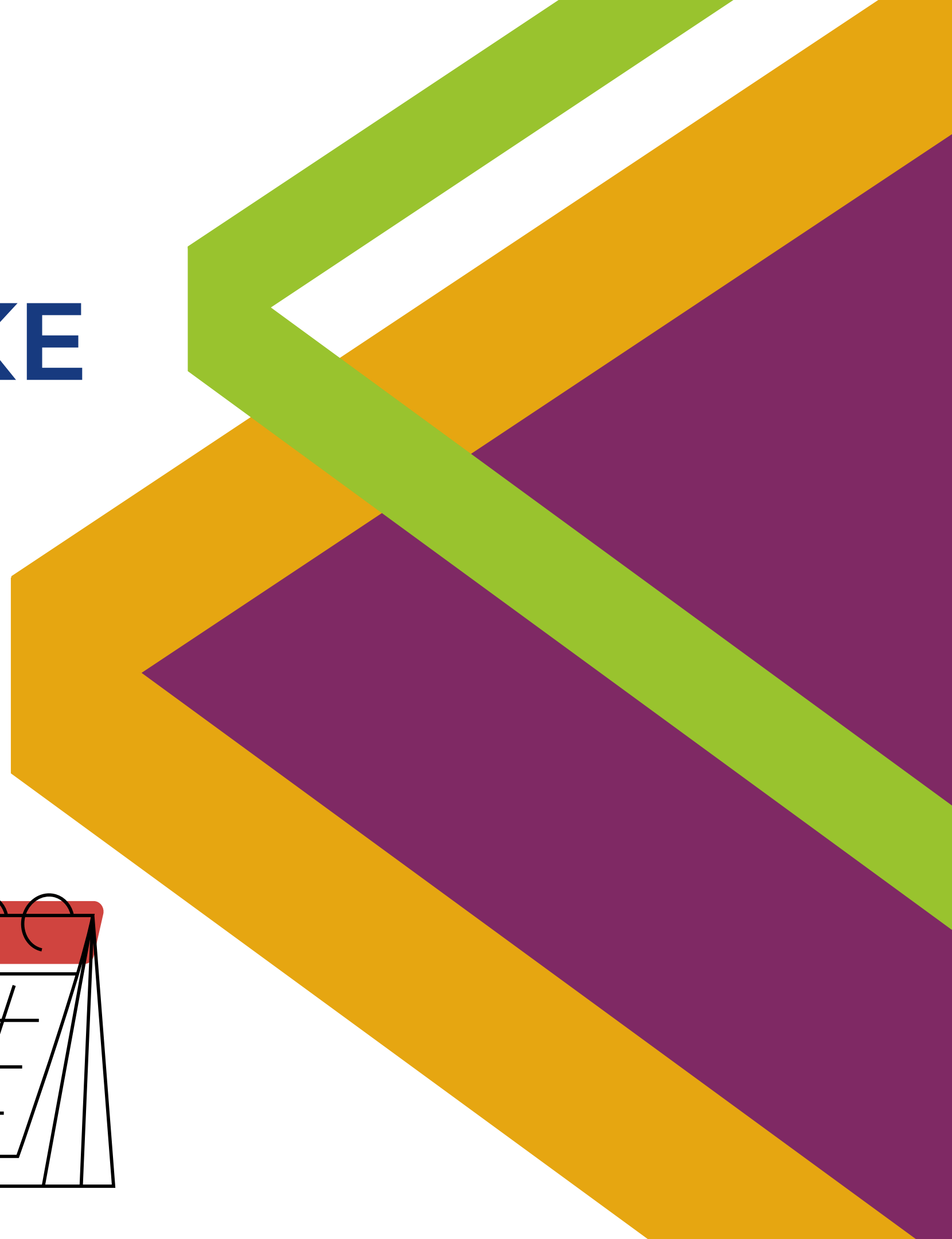
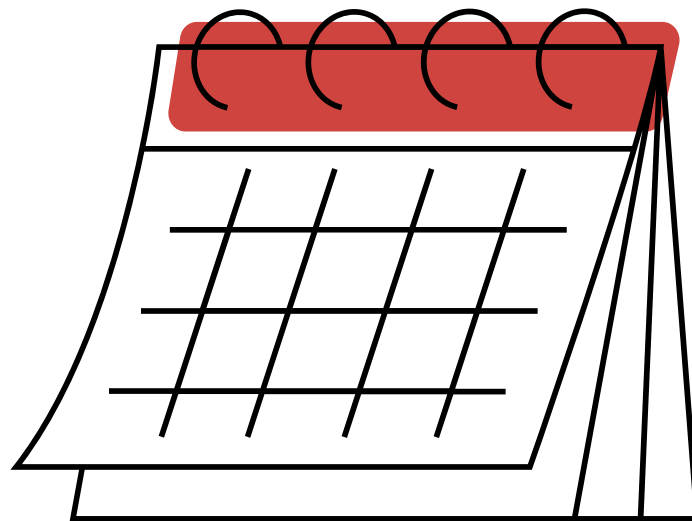
**A fantastic way to
gain new skills and
enhance
transferable skills**

**YOU ALL HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE
PART!**

PLACEMENT DATES:

27th April 2026 -

2nd May 2026



BENEFITS OF WORK EXPERIENCE



**The Ability to
see and work
within a real
business.**

&

**A great chance
to see if a job
sector is what
you expected.**



**It could lead to
part-time work
or an
apprenticeship!**



**It is a great
experience to
put on future
applications.**

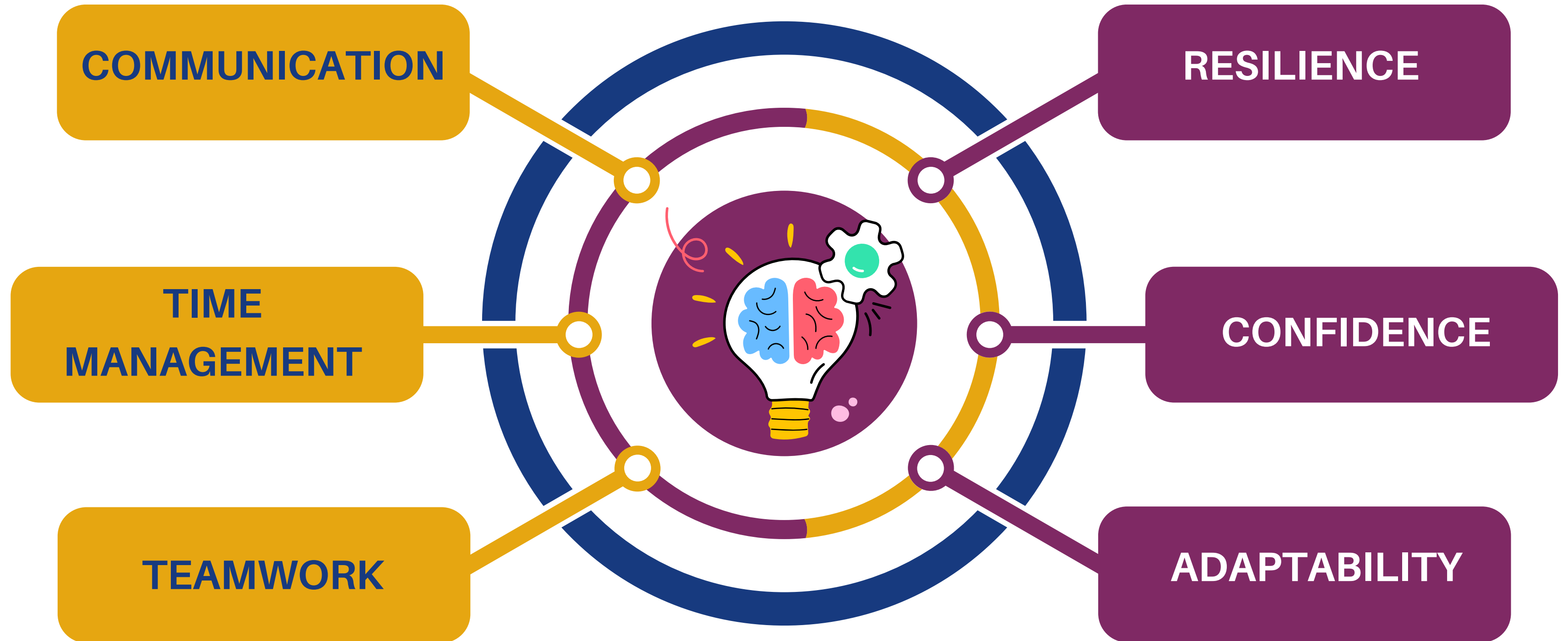


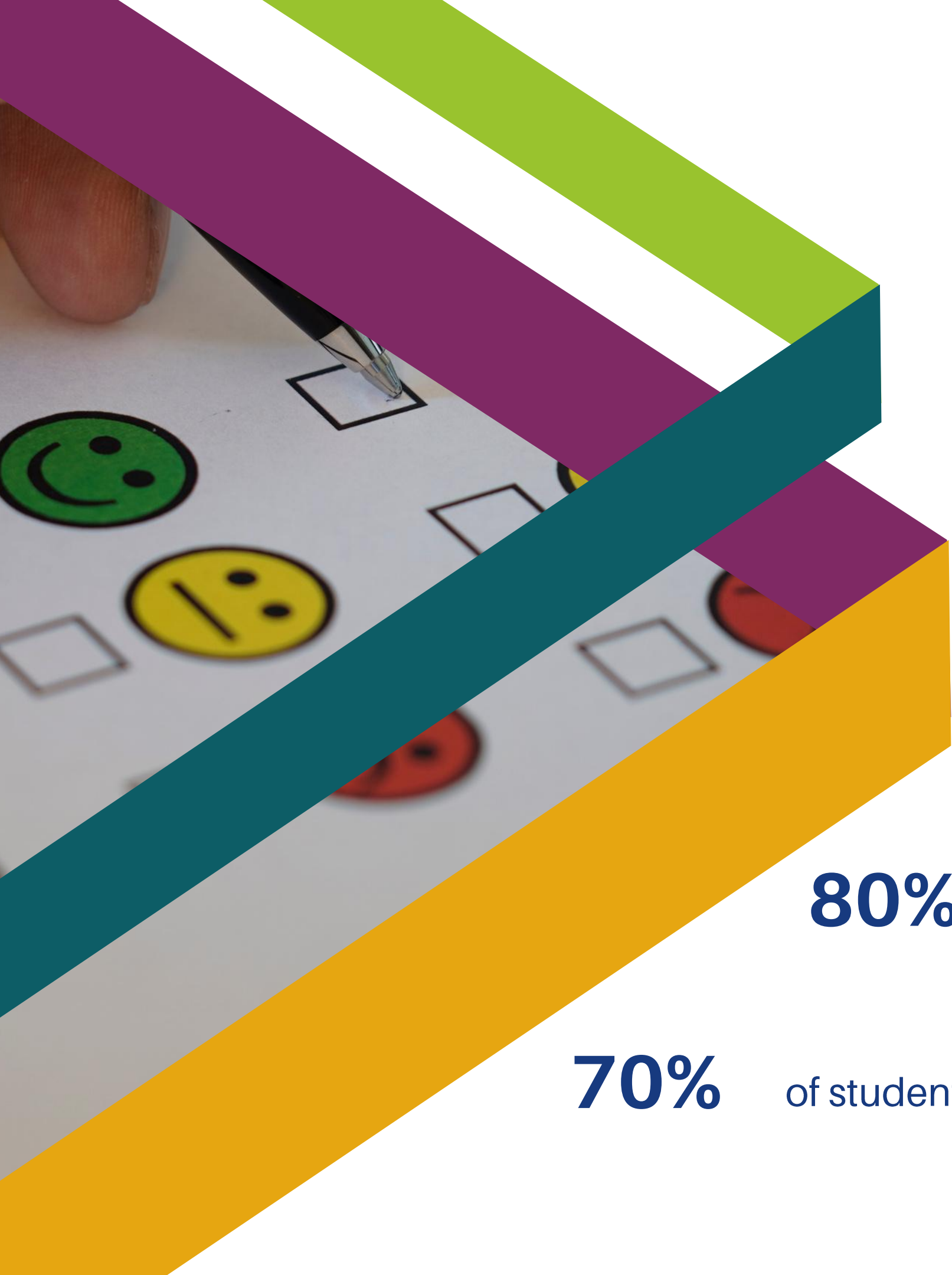
**Your
opportunity to
understand
realistic
working
expectations!**



**A chance for
you to start
networking in
your local
community.**

BOOSTING YOUR TRANSFERABLE SKILLS





WHAT DO STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY?

85% of students now feel that they can make a positive contribution to the workplace

79% of students feel more confident following their placement week

80% of students feel they have improved their communication skills

70% of students say they have developed new skills.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

"I loved my experience at my placement it was so beneficial and made me more confident, my employer was kind,... as well as the whole team they were so supportive and patient with me throughout the whole week."

"I have really enjoyed and had a good time helping out, my employers have noticed this too and in the future I'm hoping to do an Apprenticeship there."

"I think that work experience is very beneficial and I felt less concerned about the future by the end."

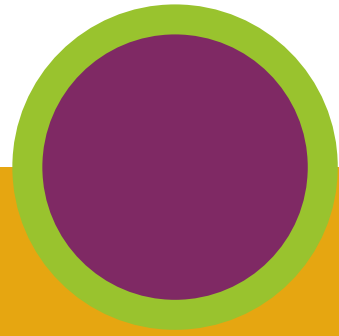




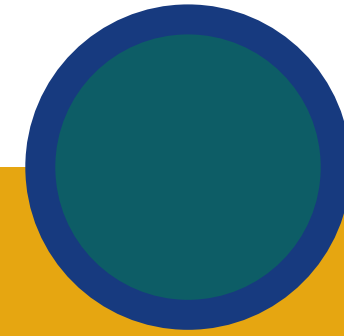
THE REALITY



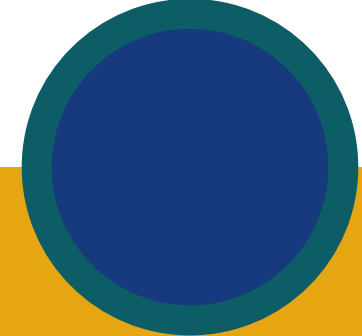
It isn't all glitz and glamour.
There are limitations to what employers are allowed to let you do.



If you don't enjoy it, there is still a lot of value in the process and what you will learn.

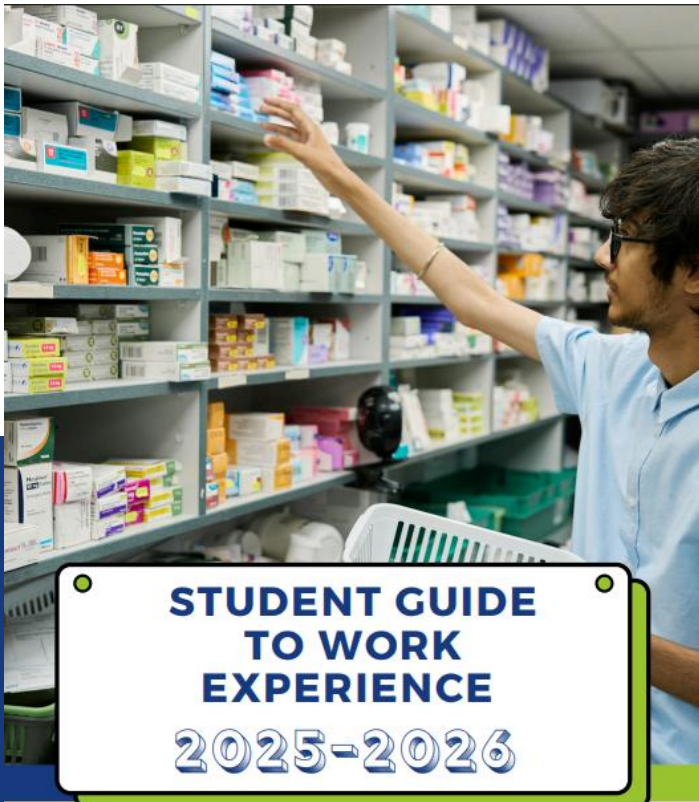


You will have the chance to see a real working environment and a good foundation to start building your future



Many employees are now hybrid working which affects IT and Admin sectors.

THREE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS



DIRECTORY

LEBC
Leicestershire Education Business Company

30 Frog Island
Leicester
LE3 5AG
Tel: 0116 240 7270 Fax: 0116 240 7001

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT APPLICATION FORM 2023/2024

START DATE: END DATE: TUTOR GROUP:

STUDENT DETAILS

Male ☐ Female ☐

First Name _____ Surname _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Home Address _____ Postcode _____

SELF PLACEMENTS

A Self Placement is compulsory for: DANCE, MEDIA, THEATRE, UNIFORMED SERVICES and NHS HOSPITALS. Please **DO NOT** put these as a preference below as we will be unable to find you a placement and this will delay your application!

WORK EXPERIENCE PREFERENCES

* **SPORT AND LEISURE:** Leisure Centres may require you to complete a swim test. If you cannot swim 25m please let us know on the back page

** **SECTION 2:** These sectors are in high demand with low availability. A self-placement is recommended.

Please choose **3 sectors** from the sections below. **You can have a maximum of 1 choice in section 2.**

Section 1		**Section 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Administration, Finance & Legal	<input type="checkbox"/> Hair and Beauty	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering & Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> * Sport, Active Leisure & Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction & the Built Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental & Land-Based Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Creative and Media
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training and Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> Catering & Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Care

Please provide the preferred job role (from the student directory) for all sectors:

Sector 1 Job Role: _____

Sector 2 Job Role: _____

Sector 3 Job Role: _____

If you chose **TEACHING ASSISTANT** then please tell us what primary school you attended: _____

APPLICATION FORM

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SELF PLACEMENT FORM 2023/24
School Name _____

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Important: students please note you must complete the front and the back of this form!

Employer – Please complete this form fully and return to the student ASAP.

If you have not previously offered work experience, one of our Employer Assessors will shortly be in touch to arrange a brief meeting to ensure the information held on our database about your organisation is both accurate and satisfactory. Please ensure you provide a valid contact number that you can be reached on during the week between 9am and 5pm.

Insurance – When students are on work experience they are classed as employees and we ask that you confirm below that you have these insurances otherwise the placement cannot go ahead. The Employer Assessor will need to see the certificates when they visit.

Do you have Employers Liability Insurance? YES NO Public Liability Insurance? YES NO
 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

ALL DETAILS ARE TO BE COMPLETED

Student Name _____ Placement dates: _____

Company/Business Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Company Contact Full Name: _____

Company Contact Position _____

Work Experience Role (e.g. Office Assistant) _____

CONTACT SIGNATURE _____ **PRINT NAME** _____ **DATE** _____

By signing this form I consent to LEBC holding my personal details for the purposes of arranging this placement. I understand that I can ask for my data to be permanently removed from the records following my placement and that to make this request I have to send an email to contactus@leics-ebc.org.uk

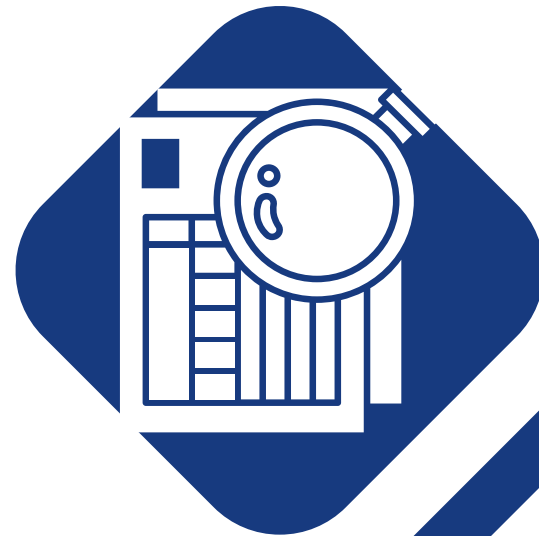
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Privacy Statement – We like to keep in touch with you about the service in which you are participating and other services we offer to young people. We will never sell your data and we promise to keep your details safe and secure. You can change your mind at any time by emailing contactus@leics-ebc.org.uk. For further details on how your data is used and stored, please visit www.leics-ebc.org.uk/privacy-policy

SELF-PLACEMENT FORM

SELF-PLACEMENTS!

WHAT IS A
SELF-PLACEMENT?



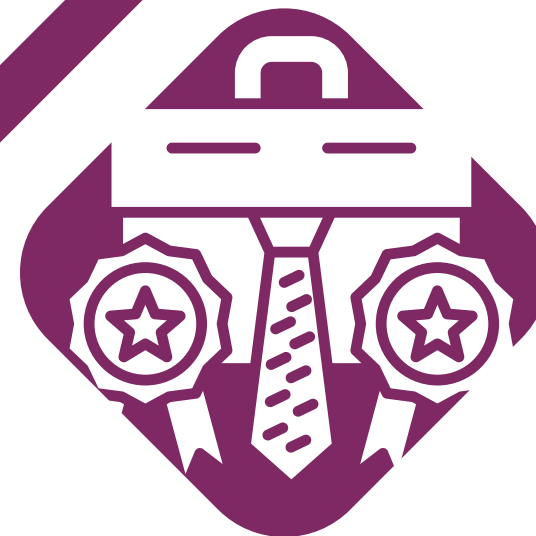
BENEFITS OF A
SELF-PLACEMENT



WHAT SHOULD I DO?



THE CHOICE IS
YOURS!!!



SELF-PLACEMENT FORM

- YOU WILL ALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE SELF-PLACEMENT FORM.
- THE EMPLOYER NEEDS TO COMPLETE ALL OF THIS FORM AND SIGN IT (IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT IS FILLED OUT INCORRECTLY OR NOT SIGNED)
- THE FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY THE DEADLINE!
- ALL EMPLOYERS MUST HAVE EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE.
- THE FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THIS FORM IS COMPLETED/ SIGNED BY YOURSELVES OR COPIED FROM A PEERS' FORM.



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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Address.....

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- A self-placement means that you are more in control. Think about sectors and potential businesses that interest you. Think about whether you know someone who is already in that sector/employment – consider your networks of family and friends.
- Research the company beforehand – find out more about what they do, their values and ethos.
- Be proactive – use your summer break to approach potential employers to ask whether they can host you. Call or write a covering email to approach outlining why you want to do your work experience there and what skills you can bring to the placement. We have included a template you can use in the next slide.
- The self-placement form will need to be filled out and signed by potential placement.
- When we return to school in September, you will receive your directory and application form to complete in careers sessions with your tutor and at home with parents / carers. These are currently being updated for 2025-26.

Email / phone call template

Note: Communicate via **your school email account**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COPY IN WORKEXP@CASTLE-TMET.UK TO ANY EMAILS DUE TO SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES.

Dear Sir/Madam [or name if you know it]

I am a year 10 scholar at Castle Mead Academy in Leicester.

I would like to enquire about a potential work experience placement at [company name], which I will be available to carry out for one week from Monday 27th April 2026.

I'm keen on gaining some practical work experience in/as a [chosen sector of work], because [reasoning for pursuing a placement with this specific company and sector].

I am a [relevant skills and attributes] scholar which can be shown in my [real-life examples that demonstrate this - include examples both in and out of school].

If you are able to offer me a work experience placement, there is a short form that I will need to ask you to complete.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours [sincerely/faithfully]

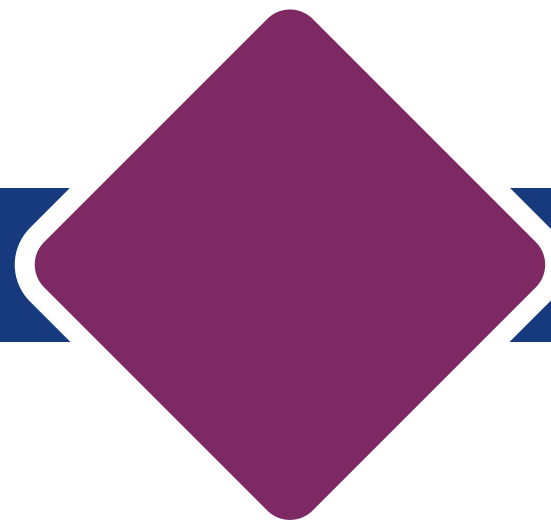
[Your name]

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



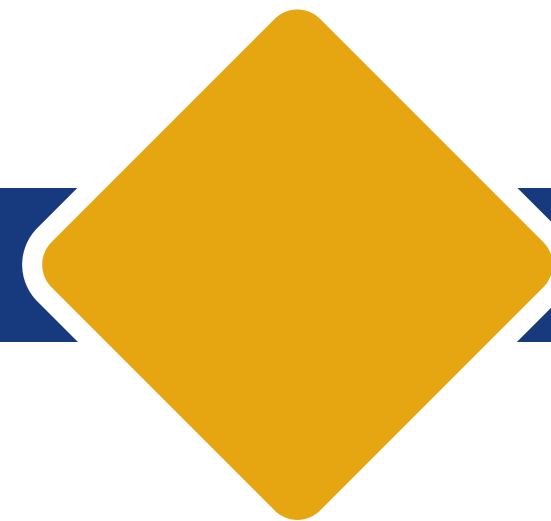
PAPERWORK

You will each receive paperwork regarding your work experience placement approx. 6 weeks before you go out on placement. This needs to be signed at the interview BEFORE the placement starts. You will all get an electronic copy sent to your emails.



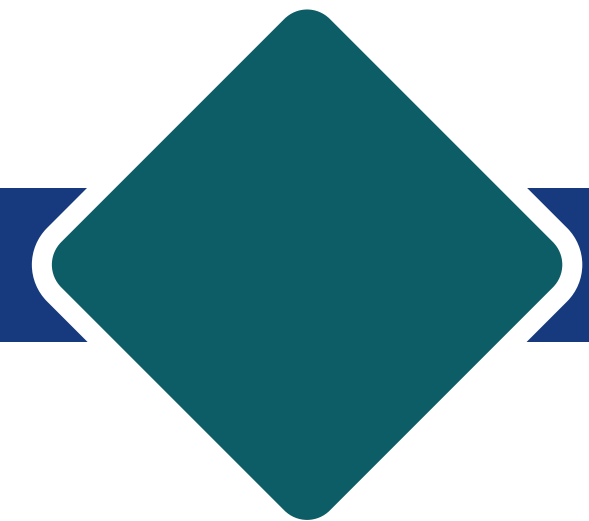
INTERVIEWS

You need to call your employer to arrange a preplacement interview. This is mandatory and needs to be done within 5 working days of having your paperwork. You will then go in and meet your employer to go over your working hours and what is expected of you.



WORKING HOURS/ BEHAVIOURS

Your working hours will be on the paperwork that is given to you. This also needs to be discussed with your employer at your preplacement interview. Please also make sure that you are always respectful and on your best behaviour.



ASK QUESTIONS!

Don't be afraid to ask relevant questions as it can often show you are interested in the company and keen to learn more.

APPLICATION FORM

Please note we will be completing this application form with scholars after the summer break.

FILL OUT THE FORM IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE!

USE THE DIRECTORY TO MAKE YOUR CHOICES! THIS WILL TELL YOU WHICH PLACEMENTS ARE SELF-PLACEMENT ONLY/ADVISED!

YOU CAN HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 1 SECTOR CHOICE IN SECTION 2!

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Section 2

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction & the Built Environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creative and Media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Care

HEALTH CONDITIONS & ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

HEALTH & ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please indicate any illnesses or other factors that the employer should be made aware of, e.g. colour blindness, eczema, asthma, hearing impairment, epilepsy.

It is extremely important that you make us aware of any health conditions you have or any additional support you need. This will help us make sure you get the right support you need on placement!



TRAVEL AREAS

Think about where you live...

Some sectors are more difficult to secure depending on where you live!

- What is in your local area?
- What are your bus routes like?
- Can you get a lift with parents?



DEADLINE FOR ALL FORMS

**MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
2025**



DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL CO-COORDINATOR –
MISS ROBERTSON IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT.
PLEASE EMAIL CAREERS@CASTLE-TMET.UK WITH
ANY QUESTIONS