

# Sunbelt Rentals

Work experience April 2022

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# Overview

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Pupils in **Years 12-13** took part in work experience at Sunbelt Rentals in April

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Of these pupils had professional work experience prior to their placement

9.5

Average rating of pupils' work experience at Sunbelt Rentals (out of 10)

What our pupils said...

# Outcomes

All students agreed or strongly agreed that their placement was useful when thinking about their future.



**100%**

...my placement got me thinking about different career options and what I'd like to do after school

**100%**

...my placement gave me an insight into the industry

**100%**

...The placement allowed me to practice skills that will help me in education and career

**100%**

...my placement will help enhance my CV and personal statement

**100%**

.. I feel excited and confident about my future career

What our pupils said...

# Content

All students agreed that they enjoyed the content of the week.

**100%**

....I learned about new jobs I didn't know existed before

**100%**

... the project/activity I completed was challenging and interesting

**100%**

...I learned a lot from the mentors at Sunbelt Rentals

**100%**

... I know the entry routes to get a job at this organisation

# 100%

**of pupils agreed or strongly agreed that their placement allowed them to practice skills that will help in their education and career**

Amongst these, the skills that pupils felt they improved most on their placement were:

**Communication**



**Showing initiative**



Other skills that the students said they had improved were: confidence, teamwork, analysis of information and presenting.

# Highlights

1. Working in a team and meeting many different people
2. The friendliness of the Sunbelt staff
3. Listening to great advice and learning valuable information
4. Fun and informative activities – particularly getting to experience the equipment!
5. Experiencing a new working environment



# Highlights

“Before the placement I didn’t know what to expect, however I was looking forward to trying something new and getting involved in a work environment such as Sunbelt Rentals.

The experience opened my eyes to a new world of jobs that can be found in the construction industry - it isn’t all just hard manual labour - as well as giving us hands on experience which I enjoyed every moment of. This week has helped me to think about my future more deeply thanks to the help of the tutors we had the pleasure of speaking with throughout the experience and I feel like I have more knowledge on how to get myself into an apprenticeship of my choice. It has made me know for sure that I want a more “hands on” job, which I wasn’t entirely sure of before.

I am most proud of myself for showing up to all days on time and even early, as my punctuality in school is not always where it should be. I feel that with this experience I have really improved on my time management skills, and I will be able to take this skill back to school and improve drastically

I would say to another young person who is considering work experience to just go for it as I feel they would enjoy it no matter what their goal and aspirations are because it just gives you an experience which you may never get in your life again and opens your eyes to more job opportunities which are on offer.”

## Jack

“Before this placement I felt a bit nervous about it all and I didn’t know what to expect. My goal for the week was to experience something new and over the week I was able to do that. I chose this placement because I wanted to do something new and to push my self out of my comfort zone, I also chose this placement to see if they could help me with my career and they really did so I am really glad that I was able to do this placement. I worked towards my goal by actually trying new stuff and getting involved with each activity and I did achieve it and it made me feel really good of myself.”

## Noah



“Before the placement, I was very unsure of what career path I wanted to take and I felt that my skills such as confidence and presentation were poor.

My goal was to gain a better understanding of what it is like in a workplace and what the construction industry is all about. I wanted to get out of my comfort zone, instead of lazing about for 2 weeks. This opportunity meant that instead I could go somewhere I would never imagine myself going and gain valuable experience in the process.

I think what surprised me was the fact that there’s so many jobs within construction, apart from just manual on-site labour. This week has definitely helped me to think about my future and I’m now considering looking for an IT apprenticeship in construction thanks to this experience.

The one thing I would say to another young person thinking about work experience is to just go for it and not feel discouraged thinking it might not be for you as, no matter what, you will meet new people and gain valuable new skills and knowledge that will help you in the future.”

## Azaan

‘The thing I’m most proud of is the transition from the start of the week to the end of the placement, where I feel like I changed as a person, took on new skills and became more confident. This is a big thing for me, and I feel like this experience was exactly what I needed to push me in the right direction.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that I would 100% recommend to another person because it really opens your eyes to what working life can be like, especially for a young person starting out.

The transferable skills I learnt will benefit me in anything and everything I do, and I can’t thank the team enough for giving me this opportunity.

## Lucy

# Thoughts on going back to in-person...



100%

of participants think in-person work experience is better than virtual work experience



# Thank you!

For delivering such an amazing placement for our young people.