

Business and education leaders think that work experience for pupils under 16 years should be a national priority

The British Chambers of Commerce surveyed 3,552 businesses and educational establishments to learn what could be done to better prepare young people for the world of work.

82% of businesses



73% of schools, colleges, and universities



think secondary schools should offer work experience to students under 16 years old.

79%

of businesses say work experience develops **effective skills for the workplace.**



But **36%** of businesses **offer no work experience** of any kind. Smaller businesses are less likely to offer work experience.

Those businesses that do offer work experience **value a variety of models.**

66%

offer term time work placements of two weeks or less

47%

offer work placements during school holidays

30%

offer flexible work placements

27%

arrange visits to their businesses for groups of pupils