

Frequently Asked WEX Questions for Students and Parents



What are the WEX dates for 2026?

Monday 13th to Friday 17th July 2026

(the last week of the summer term)

Can I choose different term-time dates?

Year 10 - No. WEX week is timetabled for Year 10s to be out on placement and normal lessons are collapsed for this week.

Year 12 - Yes, but where possible, try to keep to WEX week dates. Check alternative dates with Mrs Silverton and your class teachers first before committing to a placement. Avoid Mock Exams and assignment deadlines.

Can I do WEX in the school holidays?

Year 10 - Yes, but this would need to be in addition to a placement during WEX week.

Year 12 - Yes, WEX in school holidays is ok.

Important! - School is closed during the school holidays. Should a student choose to do WEX during this time, parents/carers are responsible for their child's safeguarding/risks.

Can I do Virtual WEX instead?

Year 10 - No, Virtual WEX would need to be in addition to a placement during WEX week, for example, during school holidays.

Year 12 - Yes, but we would prefer you to have an in-person placement because of the valuable skills you will learn in a real world environment. Most Year 12s do Virtual WEX, in addition to an in-person placement.

Find out more: www.springpod.com

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All placements - including those outside of WEX week, virtual and with a family member - should be logged using the **Unifrog Placements Tool**.

Username = your school email

Can I do WEX outside of the local area?

Yes! For ease of logistics and travelling, most placements are based in and around Chippenham but some students travel further afield, such as to Bristol or Swindon (and beyond).

WEX Placements Abroad - Very occasionally, students source a placement abroad, usually through a family connection.

Important! We do not have placement contacts overseas. Parents/carers are responsible for all aspects of placements abroad (travel, safeguarding, risks etc). Kindly let us know in writing if your child is planning WEX abroad!

Can I do 2 part-time placements?

Yes, this is possible (but not the norm). You will need to upload both placements to the **Unifrog Placements Tool**, so safety checks can be undertaken on each placement. Kindly also check the dates are correct.

Can I do WEX at my part-time job?

We would prefer you to find a different placement to broaden your experience and skills. Please remember that WEX placements should be an unpaid position.

Can I do WEX at my parent's workplace?

Yes, this is possible. Due to the varied nature of workplaces, health and safety checks and insurance will still be requested via Unifrog.

How many hours should I work?

Students should be working for at least the same amount of hours they would normally be in school - but for no more than 8 hours per day.

Will a teacher visit me during WEX?

We aim to visit you in-person but for placements that require travel, we may phone you instead.