

## **School 21, Real World Learning Projects**

***RWLP: Working with local businesses and the community to provide meaningful experiences that will change lives.***

School 21 is a pioneering school in Newham, with a mission to prepare students for success in the twenty-first century. We strive to develop interesting and thoughtful problem solvers, who are creative innovators and confident communicators. We believe that if we are to equip young people with the skills and experience they need to truly succeed in later life we must do things differently. We believe that by year 10, our students are ready to take on the real world and make a meaningful impact.

Real World Learning at School 21 brings students and the professional world together in a meaningful way. Our innovative Real World Learning Programme (RWLP) is School 21's take on work experience and provides both students and their host workplace with something that is more meaningful and authentic than traditional work experience. Over a number of weeks, every student in Year 10 will spend half a day each week in the workplace, solving an authentic problem for a real organisation. The projects can take any form, as long as there is an authentic outcome which is of genuine value to the organisation. Previous examples include; a training and staff development tool for the Department for Education, a revamped children's menus at the Holiday Inn, a 'how to' computer guide for a local elderly home and a film on life in the community for a social housing organisation.

To deliver on this ambitious programme, we are looking for a variety of forward thinking organisations who are able to commit to:

- Host a small group of Year 10 students (14-15 yrs old), every Tuesday afternoon, from 1-4.30pm for a term and a half (excluding any holidays), see dates below
- Provide a mentor to work with the students each week
- Set an authentic and challenging problem for students to solve
- Provide working space for the students every Tuesday afternoon
- Provide a full day induction for students at the start of the programme
- Attend the final presentation evening and prepare students with the skills to present at this
- Attend a day of training at the school
- Provide thorough performance management to the students, including setting objectives and areas for development
- Provide the tools, support and expertise for students to successfully complete their project

We've now had success with students working both in person and online, and are open to exploring a blended approach or virtual delivery.

If you'd like to get involved please get in touch with Esther Coppeard at [ecoppeard@school21.org.uk](mailto:ecoppeard@school21.org.uk)

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**Year 10 2022/23 Proposed Dates**

	September	February
Duration	14 weeks	14 weeks
Launch event @ School 21 (11am-3pm)	4th October 2022	21st February 2023
Placement start date (full day induction)	TBC (either 11th or 18th October)	28th February 2023
End date	24th January 2023	13th June 2023
Presentation event	31st January 2023	20th June 2023
School holidays (no placement these weeks)	25th October 2022 20th December 2022 27th December 2022	4th April 2023 11th April 2023 30th May 2023  <i>Please note there may be extra dates added due to mock exams.</i>