

## Help getting a Y10 Work Experience Placement 2026

Please see below for help with logging the placement and the various forms that need to be completed once the placement is secured.

### Can't find a placement?

There is a list of employers who have previously taken a Meadowhead student on the school website. Alternatively – ask family & friends, search online for companies you have an interest in or in locations that you could travel to.

### Getting ignored?

**Persevere** – if you've tried emailing a company, follow up with a phone call or an in-person visit at an appropriate time. Try to find the name of the person you might need to speak to. Make a diary note of any emails you send, so you can follow up 1-2 weeks later.

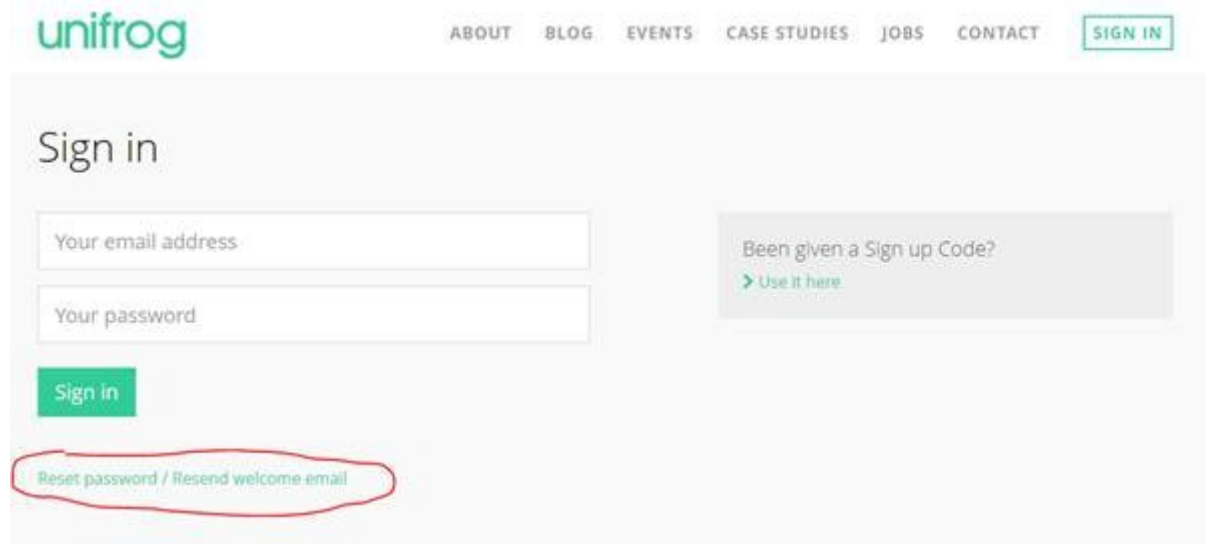
### Nothing in my sector?

If there are limited/no placements available due to student age (eg prisons & probation industry!), think about the *core skills* for that sector and where you could develop them in a different area. It's likely to be a sideways move that would still be enjoyable and would look good on your CV.

### \*\*Logging a work experience placement on Unifrog\*\*

Once a placement has been secured with an employer, there are various arrangements that need to be made between school, employer and parents/guardians.

This is all done through the online careers platform [www.Unifrog.org](http://www.Unifrog.org) (also used for wider Careers Education at Meadowhead).



The screenshot shows the Unifrog website's sign-in page. At the top left is the 'unifrog' logo. To the right are navigation links: ABOUT, BLOG, EVENTS, CASE STUDIES, JOBS, CONTACT, and a green 'SIGN IN' button. Below the navigation is the 'Sign in' section. It contains two input fields: 'Your email address' and 'Your password'. Below these fields is a green 'Sign in' button. At the bottom of the sign-in section, there is a link that says 'Reset password / Resend welcome email', which is circled in red. To the right of the input fields is a grey box with the text 'Been given a Sign up Code?' and a green link 'Use it here'.

- The user name is the student school email address.
- If you have forgotten the password – click the reset password tool which will let you set it via a message to your school email address.

Hello Leighton , here's a summary of your progress so far...



Want to move things forward? We recommend you...

Start your Personal Statement

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YOUR NEXT TASKS:



Start your Personal Statement



Complete a second post-school Shortlist



Reach the minimum character count for your Personal Statement



Get a teacher to mark your Personal Statement as 'Finished'

- Scroll down to the 'Placements' tool under the 'Exploring Pathways' section.

Ages 11-14 Ages 14-16 All tools

### Exploring pathways

<b>Careers library</b> ✕ Careers favourited Go to tool >	<b>Subjects library</b> ✕ Subjects favourited Go to tool >	<b>Know-how library</b> ✕ Guides favourited Go to tool >
<b>Courses</b> ✕ No courses added Go to tool >	<b>MOOC</b> Make your first shortlist Start >	<b>Webinars</b> Hear directly from the experts Go to tool >
<b>Read, Watch, Listen</b> ✕ Profiles favourited Start >	<b>Placements</b> ✕ No placements added Go to tool >	

- Next click 'ADD NEW PLACEMENT'

## Student initial form

You're adding a Student initial form for a placement

Fill in the information below carefully. When you're done tick 'finished' at the bottom of the form. Afterwards we'll ask the placement lead at the employer to fill in the next form.

\* In person or Virtual

**Placements tool or Activities tool?** The Placements tool is for administering 'real' work experience, where - whether it's in person or virtual - you have **direct, personal interaction** with the employer. If you're instead looking to record doing a webinar, presentation or online course which has a work theme, use the [Activities tool instead](#) >

**Virtual or in person?** If the experience you are adding involves **any** in person time with the employer, add it as 'in person' and not 'virtual'.

\* Placement coordinator

This is the **school / college** staff member who will be coordinating the placement from your school's / college's side.

\* Name of placement business / organisation

- Follow this form through – completing the details for the 'In-person' placement, the name of the company, the contact details and email etc, the date of placement, any medical needs of the student, parent/guardian info.

The platform will now issue an email to the employer requesting approval, as well as insurance details, risk assessments etc. An email will also go to parent/guardian for approval. Once that is all completed, school will approve the placement and you are good to go!

More information will be issued closer to placement dates about how to conduct yourself and make the most of the opportunity out on your placement.

Any problems – come to the careers office for support or the Wednesday after-school careers drop-in.

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