

## Work simulation

Work simulations can take various forms including role plays, business games or production simulations. Other work simulations involve more elaborate mirroring of the work environment, for example by setting up a 'restaurant' or 'office' in the school.

Work Simulation usually takes place in a further education college or business training environment. Depending on the local arrangements, pupils in S3 and S4 will spend one to three days carrying out a range of tasks associated with a variety of jobs. Pupils have an element of choice as to which jobs they want to 'simulate' — the 'trades' tend to be a core element in placements. Some of the more common workshops include electronics, office administration, catering, health care, and hairdressing.

### BENEFITS FOR PUPILS

- An opportunity to attempt a representative range of tasks covering a variety of jobs — and in a short period of time
- Exposure to a college/business atmosphere

### ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOLS

- Pupils need to be briefed before the college/business workshops.
- Appropriate course diets have to be arranged for a large number of pupils.
- Timetabling and class cover issues may arise, depending on what percentage of a year group attends college at any one time.

### BENEFITS FOR BUSINESS (COLLEGES)

- An opportunity to promote their courses to possible future pupils
- Further consolidation of school links

### COMMITMENT REQUIRED FROM COMPANIES (COLLEGES)

- Human and physical resources will be locked into the school programmes.
- There will be a significant amount of correspondence with a number of schools.

### RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- Staff time to organise pupils' timetables on an individual basis — with appropriate recording of information in pupils' records
- Transport to college/business

### CERTIFICATION POSSIBILITIES

Local certification

### YEAR GROUP TARGETED

S2-S6

### CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contacts at local FE colleges  
See City of Edinburgh School College Partnership website:

[www.cecscp.co.uk](http://www.cecscp.co.uk) for college contacts.