

## PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

**Employer:** WEX TEMPLATES

**Contact:**

**Supervisor:**

**Employer Tel:**

**Website:**

**Job:** Laboratory Assistant (plants)

**Classification:** Agricultural & Related Trades

**Ref:** 13,057

**Aims & Objectives:** To develop key skills through the experience of work To gain an insight into the work of the Laboratory of Client Services Department

**Key Tasks:** The work of the Client Services Department covers a variety of areas - Agriculture, Countryside and Horticulture. Students may be placed in the plant laboratory assisting trained staff with plant/growing problems, e.g. disease, insect infestation etc. testing soil samples and sap samples. It may be possible to be placed at different areas over their week of work experience, departments available will be dependent on workload of staff for that department.

**Requirements:** Year 12 students upwards only please. Student would preferably be studying a science at A level. Students should have a reasonable general standard of education, be able to use initiative and common sense and listen and follow instructions carefully. An interest in laboratory work.

**Clothing:** Smart casual

**Working Hours:** 9am - 4.30am (flexible)

**Meal Breaks:** one hour for lunch students may be unsupervised during lunch breaks **STUDENT MUST NOT EAT IN THE LABORATORY.**

**Interview Required:** Y

**Student to Arrange:** Y

**Notes:** Student to contact employer to arrange an interview / informal chat prior to starting the placement.

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**Employer's Health & Safety Risk Assessment:**

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE & AWARENESS:-Students will be supervised at all times  
EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY, CHEMICALS & FLAMMABLE MATERIALS:-Students will not have any contact with hazardous machinery/chemicals/drugs etc  
SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS:-Students will not work at heights  
WORKPLACE SPECIFIC HAZARDS:-Students must not eat in the laboratory.  
LIFTING & MANUAL HANDLING:-Safe manual handling to be shown as required.  
CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES:-All staff are police checked.  
ELECTRICITY:-Safe use of electrical items to be shown.  
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:-Laboratory coats and goggles will be provided.  
COMPUTERS & WORK STATION:-Regular breaks from computer screens are required during prolonged use.

**Special Notes:**

Parents/Guardians will be expected to give details of any health problems e.g. epilepsy, asthma etc on the agreement form

**Last Visit Date:**

**Next Visit Date:**

**Risk Band:** M