Research Work Placements
Impact Report 2026

We are proud to share the outcomes of the 2026 Research Work Placements

SATRO's Research Work Placement programme is an opportunity for year 12 students to gain experience of working with a business or academic team on a short research project that is relevant to both the student's studies or future plans and the supervising organisation's objectives.

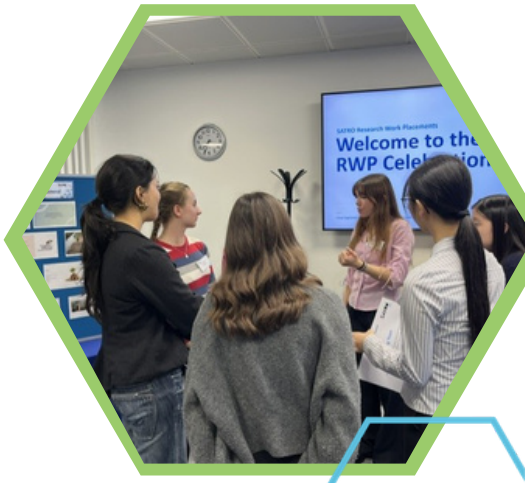
We are delighted with the success of the 2026 programme with students embracing the opportunities offered to them by returning and new project providers .

The RWP programme is one of the ways SATRO realises our mission to raise young people's aspirations and help them develop the employability skills and confidence to enter the world of work. By participating students have the opportunity to hone their research, teamwork, organisational and communication skills, and build links which help them gain meaningful insights into the opportunities available to them.



OUTCOMES

The students had the opportunity to work with a variety of organisations, including corporates and academic departments. This year's site visits included hospitals, labs, farms, building sites and project delivery sites.



The mentoring and guidance included one to one sessions, expert panels and group check ins. Some students also benefited from regular inperson sessions and python coding courses.

The students embraced these opportunities with enthusiasm and we also had a record number of students taking part in virtual interviews, attending the celebration evening and promoting their interactions and skills on LinkedIn. Students also enhanced their CV's with applications for Gold Crest Awards.

Our Alumni network has expanded as the students are keen to extend their connections with the world of work.

113 STUDENTS

18 COMPANIES & ACADEMIC TEAMS

17 VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS

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WHAT STUDENTS SAY

"The format of the project meant I was also able to improve my soft skills, including presenting and communication; being able to be part of the working adult world for a bit was also super useful!''

***Molecular Medical* Student**

"I had the opportunity to build connections and learn about an intriguing topic. Attending the celebration event led me to meet new people''

Psychology Student

"learnt a lot about the research side of presentations particularly within the referencing which I know will be useful in the future as I push towards University life. "

Air Products Student



WHAT COMPANIES SAY

The companies that design and support the research projects report benefits to their organisations including opportunities for team work and improved communication. It is also a great way to contribute to the local community and enhance the skills of the future workforce.

"It was great to see the variety of projects from the students and it's fantastic to hear their views and perspectives"

Air Products



"Now that Sofia has experienced a real-world data analysis project, I think she's in a good position to take more initiative on leading the direction of a project and suggesting areas to investigate."

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EXTENDED OFFER

Every student was also offered:

- Workshop in referencing and research skills.
- Opportunity to apply for a Gold Crest Award
- Virtual Interview practice
- In person Celebration and networking event
- Personalised Certificate
- Opportunity to join SATRO's Alumni Network

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IMPACT REPORT

Summary:

97 Alumni

70 Volunteers

28 Research Projects



100% of students agreed that their RWP experience helped them to think about next steps, future jobs and careers.

90% of students now have a better understanding of how school subjects link to real jobs.



90% of students believe they now know more about the skills employers often need.

17 Students gained in confidence and communication skills by attending virtual interviews

What Skills Did You Use?

> "Valuable in strengthening my teamwork skills"

> "Gain more confidence in speaking publicly"

> "Allowed me to build independence and communication skills"

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