



Aspirational - Purposeful - International

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OBJECTIVE: Develop an authentic overseas work-experience programme for your school that is educationally ambitious, operationally robust and financially realistic for families.

Supporting Young People on their Educational and Professional Journey

API Horizons believes that international work experience has the potential to transform young people's confidence, language skills and understanding of the wider world. API Horizons exists to help schools create programmes that are safe, ambitious and educationally meaningful, enabling students to thrive in authentic international environments.

About API Horizons:

API Horizons exists to empower young people and educational institutions through international education, language learning and meaningful global experiences. The consultancy combines:

- 1. Educational Leadership** - Extensive experience in secondary, independent, and international language education.
- 2. Practical Expertise** - Direct experience designing, implementing and leading successful overseas work experience and language immersion programmes.
- 3. International Perspective** - A strong understanding of cross-cultural education and language immersion.
- 4. Personalised Consultancy** - Tailored support that reflects the unique ethos and ambitions of **your** school.

Experience underpinning API Horizons	
✓ Led six successful Work Experience & Immersion trips to Cantabria both in October and April with Dulwich College, including one trip alongside a UK independent girls' school ✓ Produced regular post-programme evaluations involving students, teachers and trip providers, providing evidence of increased confidence in spoken Spanish. Podcast recording on Spotify is here ✓ Organised work experience trips flexibly with a range of group sizes (7-14) ✓ Placed students in over 13 different professional environments ✓ Organised annual in-person reciprocal visits to Dulwich College by Cantabria schools	✓ Visited and coordinated visits to four different schools in Cantabria overseeing a range of ice-breaking activities between local students and Dulwich College students ✓ Organised remote online ice-breaking activities for Dulwich College and Cantabria school students ahead of future trips ✓ Received excellent trip feedback from students and parents: Testimonials Api Horizons ✓ Coordinated the development of a new Spanish trips programme in 2018, as Head of Spanish, across multiple year groups, with Work Experience & Immersion prioritised for Sixth Form students

Rationale for international work experience trips

Work experience abroad differs fundamentally from a traditional language trip because:

- Students are required to navigate authentic professional environments
- Safeguarding of students is at the core of the programme
- Students develop language proficiency, intercultural understanding and employability skills

API Horizons helps your school to:

- Develop meaningful international opportunities
- Strengthen safeguarding and quality assurance
- Prepare students for authentic workplaces
- Evaluate and develop programmes for the future

API Horizons supports your school in answering the following questions:

- What experience do we want pupils to have?
- How can we deliver it safely?
- How can we keep the overall cost accessible enough to achieve viable participation?

Why international work experience?

- ✓ Real workplaces
- ✓ Real language use
- ✓ Real cultural immersion
- ✓ Real employability skills
- ✓ Real international connections



API Horizons supports your school through three key areas of consultancy:

1. Educational and Operational Planning

- Identify suitable types of work placement according to pupils' age, interests, language level and programme objectives.
- Review and advise on appropriate documentation
- Ensure the trip activity aligns with your school's educational objectives
- Advise on aligning international experiences with school ethos and curriculum
- Establish mechanisms for evaluating programme outcomes
- Develop clear communication strategy with parents

2. Quality Assurance

- Review trip provider processes
- Interpret trip provider documentation
- Advise on safeguarding considerations
- Advise on adapting materials to school policies
- Advise on best practice
- Advise schools on evaluating work experience alignment to educational objectives

3. Work Placement Preparation

- Advise on realistic placement expectations
- Provide guidance on safeguarding in the workplace
- Prepare students for professional environments
- Support intercultural awareness and employability skills
- Promote confidence and independence in authentic workplace settings.

API Horizons provides independent educational consultancy rather than a fixed off-the-shelf trip package. Schools retain control over the programme model and can work with appropriate travel, accommodation and placement providers, while API Horizons provides educational, operational and quality-assurance expertise.

Consultancy support for your school can include:

Feasibility & Programme Design	Programme Development
• Up to 90-minute consultation • Review of current aspirations • Discussion of safeguarding and practical considerations • Exploration of programme models against an indicative target cost per student • Written recommendations • Two weeks of follow-up email support	• Programme planning • Review of programme-specific safeguarding considerations and recommendations within your school's existing safeguarding framework • Student preparation framework • Staff briefing support • Parent engagement strategy • Advice regarding overseas partnerships • Written implementation roadmap • Follow-up 90-minute consultation meeting • Review of provider documentation

The proposed Feasibility & Programme Design stage would provide your school with a practical basis for deciding whether and how to take an international work-experience programme forward. It would explore programme models against the school's educational ambitions, safeguarding framework, operational requirements and target cost for families, before any commitment to full programme development.

API Horizons recognises that every school's aspirations and existing international provision are unique. Consultancy packages can therefore be adapted to reflect your school's requirements and priorities.

Proposed next steps:

1. Arrange a complimentary 15-minute introductory call to discuss your school's existing international provision, aspirations and interest in international work experience.
2. Identify the areas in which API Horizons could most usefully support your school.
3. Receive a tailored consultancy proposal setting out the recommended scope of support and associated fee.

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