

SUMMER BRIDGING WORK 2026

Summer Bridging Work is an important part of your transition to Wilberforce Sixth Form College. This piece of work will count towards your effort grade. Please complete your summer bridging work in time for the start of term.

You are required to bring evidence in paper format and hand this to your subject teacher during your first lesson.

Level 3 AAQ Extended Certificate in Early Childhood Development

OVERVIEW OF SUBJECT

This course will provide you with a broad basis of study of the early years sector. It is equivalent to one A' Level and is designed to enable entry to Apprenticeship training or higher education. You will also have the opportunity to engage in placement hours in a childcare setting.

ENTRY CRITERIA

5 GCSE grades 4-9 including English and Maths.

LITERACY TASK

'It is the things we play with and people who help us play that make a great difference in our lives'.

Rodgers, F (2023)

'Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, relate to others, set their own goals and solve problems'.

Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2023)

Play underpins all learning in the Early Years. Produce a 500-word discussion relating to the importance of play reflecting on the quotes.

The following questions may help you:

- What does play mean?
- What types of play/resources can the Early Years practitioner provide for children?
- What can children learn from play?
- What is the role of the Early Years practitioner during the child's play?
- Consider indoor and outdoor play opportunities and health/safety.

NUMERACY TASK

Read the table and answer the following questions.

Wilberforce College Nursery Staff rota W/C 25th September

Staff	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Angela	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)
David	08:-4.00 (B)	08:-4.00 (B)	08:-4.00 (B)	NW	NW
Fakhira	08:-12.00 (B)	08:-12.00 (T)	08:-12.00 (T)	12:00-4.00 (B)	12:00-4.00 (B)
Kate	NW	NW	NW	08:-4.00 (B)	08:-4.00 (B)
Megan	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)	08:-4.00 (T)
Tracey	12:00-4.00 (B)	12:00-4.00 (B)	12:00-4.00 (B)	08:-12.00 (B)	08:-12.00 (B)

NW = Not working

B = Baby room

T = Toddler room

1. How many mornings does Tracey work? a) 2 b) 3 c) 5	2. Which staff work in the baby room on Monday morning? a) Tracey and David b) David and Fakhira c) Tracey and Fakhira
3. Which staff work in the baby room on Thursday afternoon? a) Tracey and Kate b) David and Fakhira c) Kate and Fakhira	4. Which member of staff is scheduled to start work in the baby room at 12.00 on Wednesday? a) Tracey b) Fakhira c) Megan
5. Which 2 members of staff work from 8-4 every day? a) Tracey and Fakhira b) Angela and Megan c) David and Kate	

Answer the questions below.

Staff at the setting where you are employed are about to do a series of narrative observations for the children's profiles. Your manager has asked you to take money out of the setting's budget to purchase the necessary writing pads and pens. There are 8 members of staff. Each member of staff will need 1 writing pad and 2 pens.

Pens cost 26p and the writing pads cost £1.21.

How much money will you need?

You need to observe children's interactions with activities in the nursery. There are 39 children and 6 activities. You need to observe each child on each activity.

How many times will you need to observe?

If the Nativity play with the year 2 children lasted 2 and $\frac{3}{4}$ hours, how many minutes would this be?

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

- Apprenticeship (childcare)
- University

You are tasked to research the two progression opportunities. Choose the one that appeals to you and write a 200-word essay as to why you feel this career path would be most suited to you.

Kind regards

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If you have any queries regarding your Summer Bridging Work, please contact me via email ljt@wilberforce.ac.uk will aim to respond before your enrolment appointment.