Y10 Work Experience

In the last week of half term 214 Y10 students went out on work experience placements.

Students went all over the city, some even further afield, at a huge variety of exciting placements such as with hotels, supermarkets, clothes shops, charities, restaurants, pubs, hospitals, dentists, opticians, pharmacists, building societies, care homes, hairdressers, estate agents, builders, electricians, landscape gardeners, tilers, leisure centres, schools, universities and nurseries.

We are certain that this will have been a hugely rewarding, beneficial and enjoyable experience. We hope students have learnt many new skills that they can now apply to their future learning and to their future careers. It has been wonderful hearing so much overwhelmingly positive feedback and seeing what students have been up to. One student has already even secured a part time job at their placement!

Students should ensure that they ask their employers for a reference and then write to them to thank them for the opportunity. We hope you enjoy this special bulletin with pictures and testimonials from students' placements. Well done Y10!

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Progress Lead for Y10

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Eden House

Ellie was great - everyone was very impressed.

Broad Lane Vets

I have been asked to give an update in regards to Ligeja. I have spoken to the nurses who she has been working alongside, they are happy with how she has integrated within the team. She has been listening well to instructions given and is punctual.

St Gregory's

I just want to share how impressed we have been with the 4 students we have hosted this week.
Aimee, Neo, Evie and Nana have been such a delight to have in school and have approached the week with such professionalism.
Just thought I would pass on that they have been a credit to your school.

Walker Thompson Accountants

Isaac has been impressing us with his excel skills and attention to detail.

EMKA

I am happy that Trinity has had a good placement, and hopefully she has learnt a lot of how a Sales and Distribution Company works, from receiving orders, through processing them, packing the goods, raising invoices and chasing for outstanding payment. Trinity has also learnt how our Marketing Department operates, and how we use social media to our advantage. She has been involved with all aspects of our business, and interacted with everyone.

DE Tiling

It's been a pleasure having George with us this week. Polite young lad who was happy to try anything asked of him. I've attached a few pics of him at work and the finished job he helped us complete.

Online Fabrucs

We've had Avin with us this week on work experience and it's been lovely to have him with us. We hope he's picked up a few points about running an online business. He was involved in various tasks such as inventory control, taking images of new products and uploading them onto our site as well as learning about the basic day to day running of a business.

Sweet Spot

Omar has been outstanding at work. Big compliments from all my staff.
He got very comfortable with working here and enjoyed himself. We enjoyed having him too.

Saffron Communications

I am very pleased with how Aimee has handled this week. She has coped really well with everything I have thrown at her. She was confident with hand tools and used them safely and properly. On the paperwork side, she has been a genuine help with my paperwork using Excel and Word to a good standard, and picked it up very quickly.

Stoke Heath

Both of your students have been fantastic and a real credit to the school. They have really engaged with the children and really got involved with classroom life.

Kew Green Hotels

Lexi has been a pleasure to have with us during her placement. She has shown a positive attitude towards work and has supported the team well across a variety of areas. During her time with us, she has assisted with new enquiries, naming rooming lists, supporting our operational team with reception duties, and spending time with our Food & Beverage Team.

This afternoon, myself and my line manager also carried out a mock interview with Lexi. We were very impressed with how she approached this, particularly as she had no preparation time beforehand. Her answers were clear and well delivered, and she handled herself confidently throughout.

We hope that Lexi has enjoyed her time with us and found the experience useful in gaining an insight into both the commercial and operational sides of hospitality.

UHCW

Students have had an interactive session with an Orthapeadic Consultant. Part of the session involved the students watching a video of a knee replacement operation. The students were exposed to the entire process. They also received an insight into how the Trauma and Orthopaedics team operate. An Advanced Nurse Practitioner taught the students how to bandage wounds. The students then participated in a Theatre workshop. Shadowing the role of an Operating Department Practitioner.

Envisage Group

Piotr has been amazing throughout his time here. He is a hardworking, confident young lad and has been a real pleasure to have as part of the team. He approached every task with enthusiasm, showed great initiative, and fitted in very well with everyone.

During his placement, Piotr completed his own project, which he will be taking home with him. He has also documented the full process with photographs, which really reflects the effort and pride he has put into his work.

We would be more than happy to welcome more students in the future based on our experience with Piotr.

Ettesford Grange

I just wanted to email and say a HUGE thank you for Chenge's work with us this week. He has been brilliant from the off and it has been a pleasure to have him working with us this week.

I cannot begin to tell you how impressed we have been. It can be quite nerve wracking coming into a school (especially high school) and working with both pupils and staff you have never met before!

He has used initiative, got stuck in, had a brilliant working attitude and we could not have asked for anything more. The kids he worked with have already started to ask when he is back and they will miss him very much!

Wyken Croft

It is time consuming to support the pupils with their work experience but well worth it to maybe inspire somebody to come and work within education. Feedback has been positive from the staff here. All the students have really engaged, interacted well with the children and have been very polite and of course the children have really enjoy having them in their class.

Davis & Partners

It has been a pleasure in having Ru with us this week. We have enjoyed his enthusiasm and can-do approach in the office and clients have also been impressed at his open, honest input when out visiting properties. I am sure that whatever path Ru should decide to go down with his career, he will without a doubt be a great asset to any business! As and when he does leave school, we would 100% consider offering him a job! He has been great to have with us and his friendly, honest, polite approach has been refreshing!

Pearl Hyde

I had the pleasure of having Alexie in the Reception classroom, and she has been a delight to work with throughout her placement. Over the course of the week, she grew noticeably in confidence and developed a warm and positive rapport with the children. The children responded very well to her calm and caring manner.

She showed initiative in planning and delivering her own expressive arts and design activity, demonstrating creativity and a good understanding of how to engage young learners, Alexie linked the task to the topic in the classroom. I was particularly impressed by her ability to build upon prior learning. After I had introduced the word “habitat” to the children earlier in the week, she later read the class a story and independently asked the children which habitat had been mentioned and what the word meant. This demonstrated excellent initiative and an awareness of reinforcing children’s vocabulary and understanding through discussion.

Throughout Alexie's time in the classroom, she was proactive and eager to learn, constantly checking what was expected of her next and showing a willingness to support wherever needed. She approached tasks with enthusiasm and professionalism and was receptive to guidance and feedback. Alexie was keen to visit different classrooms for further experience and to see the progression in the school.

Overall, Alexie has been a valued addition to the classroom, and I am confident she will continue to grow and develop successfully in her future work with children.

P.S. Please send her back to Pearl Hyde, we loved having her!

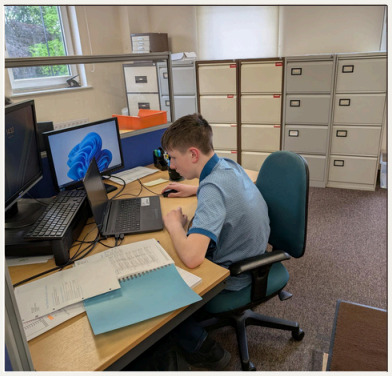
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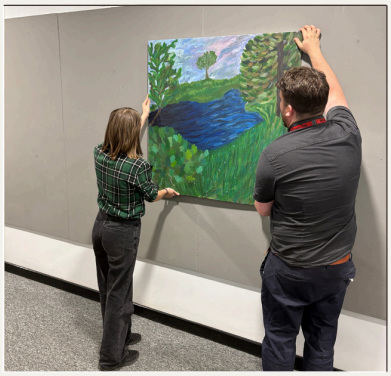
I just wanted to thank you for organising the work experience programme and for giving us an opportunity to be involved. I know how beneficial these opportunities are for students in gaining insight into a professional environment and understanding how the skills they learn in school can be applied within the workplace. To help bring problem-solving to life, I created a ‘team rota’ worksheet that contained locations across the UK needing resource and different shift patterns made up of full time and part time staff, making it a little more complex to really emphasise how certain skills are needed to co-ordinate the operational side of the workplace.

I had Jack working with me during the placement and he was absolutely brilliant. He represented the school exceptionally well and was a real credit to both himself and Caludon. Jack’s willingness to get involved, ask questions and engage with the team did not go unnoticed. He should be really proud of how he approached the opportunity.

It’s also extremely rewarding for colleagues across the group to share their experiences, highlight potential career pathways and represent the university in an engaging and positive way.

Thank you again for all the time and effort that goes into organising the programme. It has been a really positive experience for everyone involved!

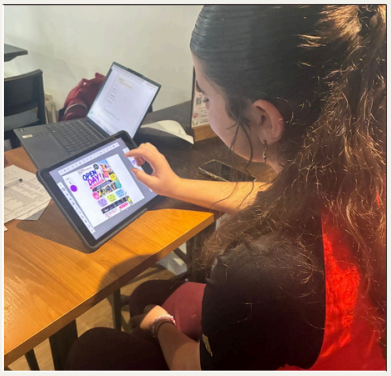













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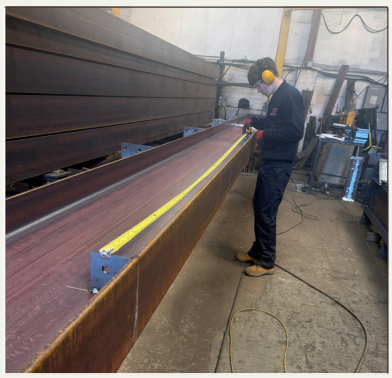

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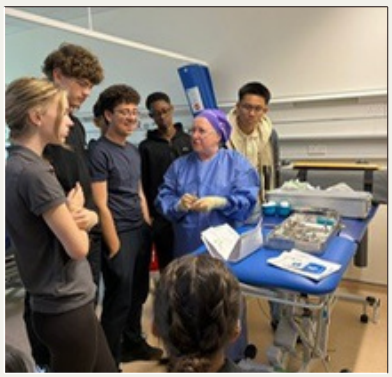



















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Y10 Next Steps...



During PD, students will be using their logbooks to reflect on what they learnt and the skills they developed.

They should also complete their reflection on Unifrog. A guide to support with this can be found here: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/direct/704

Students who remained in school during work experience week took part in core and option subject booster sessions and careers sessions including how to explore post 16 options and how to write a CV, as well as a growth mindset workshop and the opportunity to meet our careers advisor.

All students should continue to work on their CV, explore next steps once they finish at Caludon, and make the most of Unifrog and its abundance of resources.

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