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Year 10 Work Experience 2020

- Week beginning 16 March was Year 10 work experience week.
- This year the work experience week was unlike any we have ever had...
- 181 students were due to go out but unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and companies not being able to accommodate our students, not everyone got to go out.
- Luckily, over 100 students still managed to have some form of work experience.
- Out of 181 students to be placed, 124 were self-placements.
- Two of these placements were off-island.

Where did Students go?



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Over 150 companies offered placements to our students, without their kind offer to support the scheme the work experience would not be possible. There was a wide variety of placements offered:

Administration/Offices

Advocates

Accountancies

Animal care

Beauty

Banking

Catering

Construction including Architecture and Surveying

DOI including Airport and Harbours

Educational facilities – Nurseys/Schools

Engineering

Garages

Hairdressing

Health and Fitness

ICT

Marketing

Retail

Why do Work Experience ?



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Think back to your work experience week, hopefully is helped you with:-

- Enhancement of Employability skills e.g.. Manners, time management, people skills (getting on with people!), communication, teamwork, initiative, organisation etc.
- Additional skills you would not learn in school and remember you will all get a job eventually and need these skills.
- Very useful for you C.V applications and personal statements! Companies love to see what students have done in this area.
- Given you a better understanding that hours of work are different to what you do in school ie have to work longer hours or shift work.
- Hopefully work experience had helped you make great contacts for the future and perhaps get a part-time job from it, maybe summer work or in the future full time employment!

Employer's Feedback



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- Brilliant to have around! Interested in everything they have been involved in, they were making a newsletter and meeting with website developers.
- He was a massive help during an usual and difficult week. He learnt how to use professional video editing software Final Cut X. Without his help we would not have been able to achieve what we have this week.
- Pleasant and friendly young man who fitted into the role with ease and quiet confidence.
- He has been willing to learn every task he was given and gave it 100%
- Lovely young lady, very helpful and completed all jobs to very high standards.
- Formed great relationships with the children, she had a warm and caring nature and has gained a lot of confidence over the week.
- He was quiet but always courteous and polite. As the week progressed he gained confidence and interact more with the people he was working with.
- Enthusiastic individual who performed all of his duties given to him diligently and to high standards. He will undoubtedly succeed in any future endeavours he chooses to undertake.

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- It has been a pleasure have the student with us, she took guidance and direction from the staff well. She engaged and built positive working relationships.
- The student behaved respectfully and in a professional manner, she completed the activities well and it was a pleasure to have her with us for the week.
- The student fitted well into our team and always asked what's next and completed the jobs at his own pace. He arrived early every day and stayed later than needed too.
- Top marked for her! It was shaping up to be a very rewarding week until circumstances dictated that it had to be cut short, but we did manage to devise a home-working project which she completed.
- Excellent with the arts and crafts and adapts to the children's needs.
- He proved to be a friendly, enthusiastic addition to our workforce, he used our resources confidently and his own initiative on many occasions. He successfully completed many tasks – both software and hardware based.



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- She was always polite and well presented. We would welcome her back anytime.
- He was an excellent student to have on placement with us. What ever profession he chooses to do, he will be an excellent role model and diligent member of the team.
- The student was very keen to learn and managed to complete many tasks during the week. She worked on our bespoke accounts system, she shadowed one of our senior accounts office and learnt about the support the team provides to the vessels.
- He was very helpful and we were impressed with him. Delighted he did not use his mobile phone other than on his tea break!
- Overall we were very pleased with his work ethics, his performance was to an excellent standard and worked well with all staff members.
- She has natural, creative flair and we were very impressed with her work.



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Students Feedback



Teacher visited the students at their placement and here is some your comments about the placement you were at.

- Really enjoying the experience, doing lots of different things and contributed to creating a magazine!
- Given a chance to work independently and on a variety of activities, loving it.
- Its fun learning how things are made.
- Happy in the placement.
- Amazed at owns ability and it has been a very positive experience.
- Very much enjoyed the placement and has given her the insight as she hoped it would.
- Very friendly and welcoming in the placement.

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- Enjoying the placement and set up Wi-Fi for a client
- Really interesting work experience and it is very busy!
- Enjoyed the work and helped make her mind up about her career choices
- Was an interesting type of job – very positive experience
- Considering what's happening they've been great! They've been giving me tasks to do over Skype. I LOVED it
- Good fun – enjoying it
- Enjoyed the experience and would recommend it to others
- Happily involved in the work

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Student comments: The best parts!

- Amazed at my own ability! It has been a very positive experience.
- Loved it! Best days ever!!
- Really enjoyed meeting different people.
- Very happy, well supported and feels like I gained in confidence.
- Making the most of the experience.
- Loving the independence and freedom to be creative.
- Now considering this as a career choice.
- Learnt new techniques and has really enjoyed the experience.
- Pleasant working environment.



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And Finally....

We hope you all found your work experience a worth while
experience and remember...

You have **BRAINS** in your **HEAD**.

You have **FEET** in your **SHOES**.

You can **STEER** yourself any
DIRECTION you **CHOOSE**.

~ Dr. Seuss