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Employability Pathways Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the second edition of the Employment Pathways newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to keep relevant stakeholders updated with key developments within the Employment Pathways provision at Queen Alexandra College.

With our growing student numbers and variety of employment routes, the department has developed to reflect a dynamic climate to support the needs of our students. The team now consists of Shervjeet Garcha the Assistant Principal of Employment Pathways, Fiona Bilsborough the Employment Pathways Manager, Christina Sadik, Work Placement and Internship Coordinator and Joanne Burns and Nashreen Housee-Ogier, Job Coaches.

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, receive an electronic copy or receive in an alternative format please email fbilsborough@qac.ac.uk

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Developing Employer Engagement

With the spotlight on employer engagement, the team are on target to meet key performance indicators this year with an increase in the number of work placements and supported internships presently in place. We are also liaising with new employer contacts to further increase our supported internship and work placement provision.

Queen Alexandra College recently hosted a work experience week to further engage current employment links and to introduce new business contacts. Students enjoyed a variety of work based activities including problem solving for 'Sir Alan Sugarlump' from National Grid in Solihull, team building with Mikail Huggins, professional Paralympics guide, introducing students to work roles at the Birmingham Central Museum and Art Gallery, developing knowledge of the hospitality industry at the Burlington Hotel and experiencing the emergency services by meeting the local police and fire service.

Work Placement Partnerships



PFL Meet The Fire Service

PFL students had the opportunity to meet the local fire service during work experience week and learn about their role within the community and Personal Protective Equipment.



QAC - make our college your college

QAC is a National College for People with Disabilities. We offer courses for young people aged 16-25yrs as well as employment focussed and supported living programmes.



Happy New Year
from the
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Latest Updates

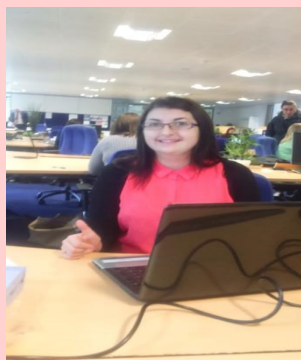
Supported Internships at National Grid, Solihull



All three students who progressed onto a supported internship programme at National Grid in Solihull have settled in well and have just finished their first work placements and began a new one at the start of the new year. Alongside this they have completed many vocational units towards their work skills qualifications and are progressing towards skills in functional English and Maths. As part of their study programme 'Planning and Running an Enterprise Activity' they recently hosted a stall at the National Grid Christmas Fayre and managed to sell all their goods. They celebrated Christmas dining at Nando's for their annual Christmas dinner.

CSeeker

One of our Supported Internship students is completing her placement at C Seeker in Birmingham City Centre. She is responsible for making sales, updating the companies social media and managing the database.



Co-op



One of our Hospitality students has successfully completed a work experience placement at The Co-op in Stirchley, Birmingham. His responsibilities included stock control, shelf stacking, customer service and has now managed to secure himself permanent part-time volunteer employment at his local store.

Edgbaston Cricket Ground

One of our Supported Internship students has completed a placement at the cricket ground where he was working in the shop, helping customers and organising stock. The employer was so impressed they gave him a official book and cap as a thank you.



Holbeache Farm

10 of our students helped to feed the chickens, pigs, horses and cows, learned about health and safety on a farm and polished brass buckles for show shire horses at a visit to Holbeache Farm in Kidderminster as part of their introduction to work experience.

