

Work Experience Report 2017

All students in both year 12 and year 10 secured work experience placements in July 2017, with a 100% of those placements completed successfully.

All students completed the Pre 16 block work experience health and safety preparation course delivered by Cornwall Education Business Partnership.

A majority of students were visited by a member staff in their work placements, with all remaining students and their employers being contacted by either email or phone.

All students were required to complete the work experience log book which includes vital company specific health and safety information, a diary and personal reference from the employer. The personal reference is critical, as this is usually the student's first non-educational based report.

All placements were approved by Gavin Stephen, Work Experience Team Leader for Cornwall Education Business Partnership at Cornwall Council so were registered on the Veyen website.

Positive outcomes:

All the feedback from employers was very positive:

Tescos – Top quality employees, three students were offered part time work with the opportunity to then be fast tracked into management

Worlds part – The two students created products that the company is now defiantly interested in purchasing

PALL Europe – extremely impressed with the student as he worked through a program in just three days that their employees had spent months on, as result they have offered the student an apprenticeship

West Country Family Chiropractic – would employ the student instantly once fully qualified

Stratton Creber – the student contributed in the selling of a house

B + m bargains – brilliant student and they have offered him part time work once he is 16yrs old

Gulliford and Try Construction – Excellent ambassadors for the school, piloting a project with success

Limiting factors:

The process of securing the placements is becoming more of a challenge due to the following:

- Completion of the work experience approval and consent forms approved by Cornwall Council which involves contributions from the student, the parent/guardian and the employer
- The structure of the company where the student wishes to be placed. The student cannot be supervised or employed by an immediate family relation. The placement cannot be with a sole trader or a company of fewer than 3 employees
- It is essential for the company to have and be able to produce employee liability insurance

All students have completed an evaluation of their placement, which included a consideration for the future in terms of further education, qualifications and possible employment areas.

All employers have received a letter of thanks from the school and myself on behalf of the student/s they accommodated for the work experience placement.