



4th October 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 04/10/24

We hope this update finds you well. This week's update has a special focus on our Supported Internship programme for students in Year 14 - DFN Project SEARCH.

Our Supported Internship team are keen to update you on what they have been up to since starting in September at the project, which is based at the Royal Derby Hospital.

Our staff team consists of Tutor – Jo Lambourne, who leads the team and facilitates a programme of work and employment skills to the interns. Other crucial members of the team are Job Coach – Isaac Burnett, and Learning Mentor Chris Hare, who support the interns in their work placements across the hospital departments. Ryan Gascoine – Transitions Mentor also works with the interns, both past and present to support them in preparing for adulthood and securing meaningful employment.

We hope that you enjoy reading about the interns and finding out more about what they get up to on the following pages. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more!

World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October, St Martins will be raising awareness for World Mental Health Day. There will be a range of activities led by the Wellbeing Team for the students to take part in to raise awareness and understanding of mental and emotional health. These activities include; meditation, positivity badges, fitness and camp fire/marshmallows. We would also like all staff and students to follow this years' theme and wear yellow, this can be anything from a t shirt, dress or even a yellow headband! Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great day of activities.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Sabrina Hobbs
Executive Headteacher

Toni Beardmore Head of School

The Team



You may already know that we have some new staff members on the project this year. Have a look below at who works in our team:

Tutor

Jo Lambourne
Job Coach
Isaac Burnett
Learning Mentor
Chris Hare
Transition Mentor
Ryan Gascoine



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Induction period

During this first halfterm, interns complete mandatory training and look at skills to prepare them for their first placement. Events are held with managers, so they can meet our interns and answer any questions they may have.

What's Next?

Placement 1

After half term, every Intern will begin a placement. Each placement will be in a different area around the hospital and will be based on the preferences and skills each individual has.



Placement 2
Placement 3
Celebration Event / Graduation



What is Project Search?

Project Search is a Supported Internship programme. Our team of Tutor, Job Coach and Learning Mentor offer the perfect support for young adults who have EHCPs to gain work skills, experience, prepare themselves for independence and secure meaningful employment.



"I am really looking forward to improving my skills, getting to know people and having a great time" -Sam, 18

"I want to build my confidence" -Hamza, 19

> "I want to achieve getting a job!" -Sarah, 18

"I want to be the best version of myself" -Corey, 19

" I am looking forward to getting a job and meeting and helping new people" -Sky, 18

HELLO FROM US...

We wanted to catch you up on our latest news. We have been doing lots of teambuilding activities this month (including helping each-other find our way around the hospital!), exploring work based skills, as well as getting to know each-other. We have also completed a lot of training for our upcoming placements.



MEET THE INTERNS

This year, we have a great team of interns. Here's a little bit about them:

Lily - dark witted baker, beware!

Sky - a thoughtful bookworm and appreciator of music

Corey - group look-out and mechanical fanatic

Brooklyn - a polite young man and keen cook

Sam HI - a fan of scooters and buses, we're a fan of him

Thomas - football expert and independence seeker

Sarah - kind and thoughtful lunch time fan

Sam Hr - master of languages and all things anime

Hamza - employment enthusiast and table tennis attendee

Harry - History enthusiast and all-round gentleman



"I want to have a successful and enjoyable placement"
-Sam, 18

"I am looking forward to trying the different type of placements" -Lily, 18

"I am here to gain new skills that I never knew I needed..."
-Harry, 18

Join us!

Coffee morning for interns'
Parent Carers 15th October
at the RDH. Contact Jo
for more details





Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day – Wednesday 4th September School Starts for the new Academic Year – Thursday 5th September School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 25th October INSET Day – Monday 4th November School Starts Back – Tuesday 5th November School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 6th January 2025 School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13th February INSET Day – Friday 14th February School Starts Back – Monday 24th February School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April
INSET Day – Tuesday 22nd April
School Starts Back – Wednesday 23rd April
Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May
School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd May
School Starts Back – Monday 2nd June
School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23rd July
INSET Day – Thursday 24th July

St Martins follows Derby City Council's term dates. Dates for next year can be found on their website – please follow the link for these - https://derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/term-holiday-dates/#