

11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update 11/11/22

I hope this update finds you well. I wanted to share with you the fantastic work that is underway at Project SEARCH.

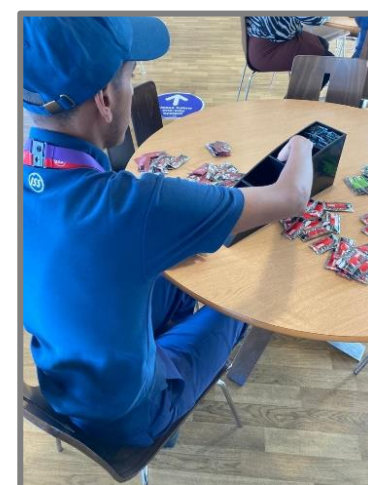
Project SEARCH is a supported internship training and employment opportunity for our Year 14 students, based at the Royal Derby Hospital. This programme is a clear example of why we work so hard to prepare our students for their Future through the different activities that take place throughout school and Post-16. Last year's cohort of 4 all gained employment following on from their placements, and we can't wait to see what the current cohort of 6 achieve!

The Project SEARCH group at the hospital are led by our Tutor, Anna Drake. Anna works closely with the different organisations at the hospital – NHS and ISS; to help facilitate different placements and to support the students (interns) in different departments across the hospital.

We are now in week 4 of work placements and all the interns have settled well into their current roles. Interns will experience a number of different work placements on a rotation, throughout the hospital. When an intern enters into a work placement, it is important to consider what their interests are, but also what opportunity it provides them with for the future. For example, what skills will they gain from working in that position... With that in mind, we have placed the interns in the following positions.

Sabrina is working alongside ISS staff to keep the patient areas clean. This is a patient facing role, which means Sabrina is in contact with patients each day, as well as doctors and nurses. This will give her a great insight of how a ward is run.

James is responsible for filing, organising and pulling files ready for the clinics and patient appointments. This is a vital role as the Doctors and Consultants could not see the



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patients without all the medical files. James is working in a very fast-paced environment and within a large team, many of which do different shifts.

Lennon is working as a library assistant in the medical library. He has been working on his customer service skills on the main desk as well as his organisation skills, and maintains the high standards people expect from the library environment. Lennon is also working on a display of old medical artefacts ready to be displayed for the public and online.

Arjan has been placed in the retail catering department. He is working hard to keep the Restaurant clean and tidy as well as learning about portion control when serving the public. He is working up to learning how to use the tills.



Kristian is in the back of house catering department where he is preparing food ready to go to the patients on the wards. Lots of his work will include wrapping bread rolls, sorting out condiments and bagging up tea, coffee and biscuits for the patients.

Abbie is working alongside 2 mentors as a ward host, serving lunch to the patients in hospital and taking orders for evening meals. Abbie will engage in lots of conversations with the patients as well, which she enjoys doing.

If you are interested in finding out more about Project SEARCH, then please follow us on Twitter @ProjectSEARCH4

I hope you are as inspired as I am by these marvellous interns!



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 21st October

School Starts Back – Monday 31st October

School Breaks up for Christmas – Thursday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 9th January 2023

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 16th February

INSET Day – Friday 17th February

School Starts Back – Monday 27th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 17th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 26th May

School Starts Back – Monday 5th June

INSET Day – Monday 26th June

School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 21st July

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