



27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

### **Weekly Update: 27/01/23**

I hope this update finds you well. I wanted to share an update from our Project SEARCH interns at the Royal Derby Hospital. The interns have been in post since September, and are developing their skills, knowledge and employability. We are so proud of all that they have achieved, and look forward to seeing how far they go. I hope you enjoy reading their news!

### **Project Search Update**

Since returning from the Christmas break, all interns have transitioned into their second placements:

**Abbie** has moved into an Admin role with the facilities management team where she has already been using her IT skills to book interpreters for patients and also her leadership skills to inspect the satellite kitchens. As part of this placement, she will also be seeing how the facilities management team run other hospitals within the trust.

**Arjan** is now working with STERIS and learning how to sterilise the equipment used in clinics and theatres. This is a new and exciting placement and the feedback we are getting in just two weeks is fantastic. One of Arjan's tasks includes wrapping instruments ready to be sterilised for theatre and for this role he needs to be dressed in gowns, head to toe!

**Lennon** enjoyed his library placement so much that they have agreed he can stay there another 2 days a week as there is still so much for him to learn there. Lennon is now also spending 3 days a week in medical records preparing and supporting them for a big move in March to new premises.

**Sabrina** is in a back of house Catering role and responsible for ensuring all meals are ready to go to the wards on time. This is a big change for Sabrina as her first placement was on the wards. Sabrina identified that she wanted to experience a back of house role to see the difference and get a wide variety of roles during her time on the programme.

**James** is learning various tasks with the portering teams and particularly enjoying being on mattress duty, with over 2000 mattresses in the hospital there is plenty for him to do.

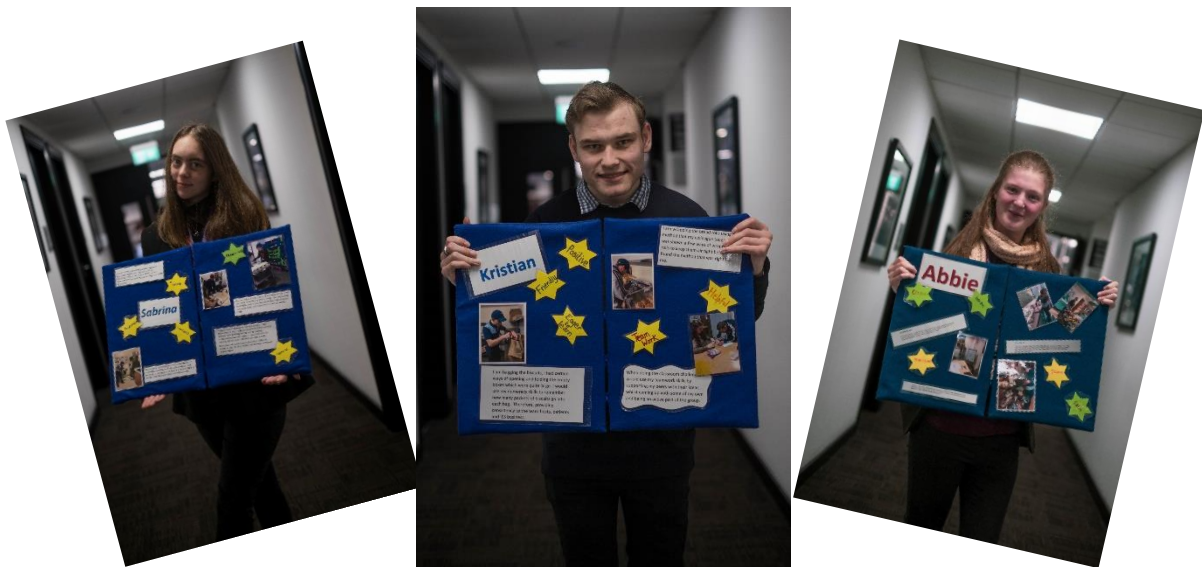
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**Kris** is enjoying spending half his week on the main reception desk and the other half he is with the hospital fundraising team. With this challenge, he will get to know the hospital inside out as there will be lots of people asking for directions and relying on his knowledge. He will also get to use his customer service skills by taking orders for the Trust charity and inputting data into their database.

In the classroom we have been working on employability boards. The interns were asked to identify 5 personality traits and 3 strengths along with a paragraph about their interests and aspirations for the future. Using their creative skills, they put the boards together which they then used at a jobs fair organised by Derby County Community Trust this week. In the future, the interns will use their board to formulate a CV. The jobs fair gave the interns opportunity to speak about themselves to local professionals who have jobs available, they also spent time talking to different organisations who offer apprenticeships and support independent living. All the interns agreed that it was a thought provoking day and gave them lots of hope for the future.



If your child/young person is thinking about their next steps after Post-16, and would like to learn more about Project SEARCH, please come along to our open event at the Royal Derby Hospital (main reception) on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm-6pm. Our tutor, interns and others involved in Project SEARCH will be there for you to speak with and find out more about this fantastic programme.

### **School Photographs**

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

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If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

**Industrial Action – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Please could you complete this short form as soon as possible to let us know your intentions for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February - <https://forms.office.com/e/Cc2mGiBDKJ>  
Please bear in mind that it is the responsibility of parent carers to safeguard and supervise their young person if they are staying at home. Thank you for support.

With best wishes,

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## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023**

### **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

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th 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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