

Platanos College News

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Work experience for Year 10 pupils

The work experience programme for our Year 10 pupils last academic year was a real success.

The programme took place over the last two weeks of term with pupils on a whole variety of placements. This ranged from law firms and businesses to schools and other public services.

The pupils, now in Year 11, later delivered very insightful presentations to their peers as part of their leadership programme at the beginning of this new term.

“I did my work experience in a law firm called White and Case but it wasn't the criminal aspect of law, it was the business aspect, which fitted well with the Business and Enterprise activities that I have been involved in.

“During my time there I picked up a lot of skills. I enjoyed myself because I went there with nothing but I left with a lot of knowledge not just on the working environment but also on general life skills. It demonstrated to me what real working life is about and that you have to work hard to achieve something. Although my hours were long I enjoyed every bit of it. Work experience is a privilege so I would advise everyone to take part in it. Thank you.”

- Eniola Edusi



“Our names are Shentae & Beverly and we did work experience at a local nursery. At first we were anxious because we didn't know what to expect but our colleagues were all extremely welcoming and made us feel as if we were

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members of staff. The experience was excellent. It helped us to decide whether we would take up a future in working with children.

“Our advice to all Year 10s now and in the years to come would be to take work experience seriously and remember that work experience is invaluable and it is the experience that counts as it can help you decide on what you might want to do in the future.”

- Shentae Murray and Beverly Cole

“I worked at a law firm called AA Mirsons and I found the whole experience extremely helpful because it gave me an idea of what direction I want to take in the future. I had the opportunity to attend court cases and I learnt what a professional lifestyle was like. I also learnt that the static office environment does not suit me but I now want to go into management in the future. This is the reason why I will continue to take all the opportunities in school to improve my leadership skills.”



“Finally, if you are still not sure what you would like to do in the future, don’t worry. The keyword here is ‘experience’, which will help you in whatever you do.”

- Phillip Thomas

“During the work experience period, I had the chance to work at a magazine agency called Live Magazine. It is basically a magazine that talks about the most current topics on people’s minds. It is run by young people which I found very impressive.

“While there, I had the chance to meet lots of different people and work on a Channel 4 series and work with Google. It made me realise that work can be very fun and it is possible to find a job and be rewarded for something that you love doing.”

- Oniel Croal

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