

WORK EXPERIENCE 2017/18

Background

All students in year 11 have weekly off-site work experience placements on Thursdays throughout their last year of school to help them prepare for post-16 education and the world of work, or future training or supported activities later as adults. Placements develop independence skills as well raising self-esteem and creating curriculum variety for these students.

Students with high levels of independence can join the local 'Urban Futures' programme who carry out initial risk assessments and assessments. The programme is linked to Haringey's Education/Business Partnership which receives funding from the Department of Work and Pensions to provide work experience placements in local businesses. For many independent Riverside students these placements are in the Wood Green industrial area, and can include music production, restaurant service and office administrative placements. Other placements may be care work in local nurseries or mainstream or special primary schools. Students' achievements are recognised at Leavers' assembly where they are given a trophy, a certificate and a reference.

Other students will need staff support to make a success of their placements. These placements are set up by the school, and students go in small groups accompanied by Riverside TAs. Each provider is paid to provide teaching/tutoring. Groups can go to the Harington Scheme in Highgate, a training scheme for people with disabilities where a range of horticultural skills are taught; the local 'Sunshine' garden centre which can deliver an earlier level of gardening skills; or 'Action for Kids', a national charity which supports children and young people with disabilities towards independence, and offers Riverside students work experience in basic office skills. Students' achievements are recognised at Leavers' Assembly where they are given a certificate.

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Independent placements

- 1 student to Woodside High School canteen – food preparation and serving**
- 1 student to The Brook Special School – classroom support**
- 2 students to internal PMLD classes – classroom support**
- 1 student to Rockford Cycles – bicycle maintenance**
- 1 student to Coleridge Primary School – Sports training (supporting PE teacher)**
- 1 student to Selco Café – food preparation and serving**
- 1 student to Capel Manor College – animal care**

Supported placements

- 9 students to Harington Gardeners, Highgate - gardening**
- 5 students to Action for Kids, Hornsey – office work**
- 4 students to Haringey 6th Form College – Food Technology project**
- 4 students to the Winkfield Centre – Food Technology project**