

## **Work Related Learning**

Work related learning through work experience aims to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding that students will find useful in the work place. Due to present circumstances (caused by the coronavirus pandemic) it is not possible for the moment to provide the usual opportunities for face to face work experience in a workplace setting.

However an increasing number of employers are starting to offer virtual work experience as an alternative. Students can still gain insight into what it would be like to work in a particular area, and experience what it would be like to work for a particular company or industry.

The Work Experience section on Pearltrees provides information on virtual work experience, and specific help with finding suitable opportunities continues to be available to students through the work experience coordinator.

Volunteering also continues to be an important way for students to develop employability skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills etc., and volunteering opportunities, ( virtual and physical) will be posted on the Pearltrees Work Experience section as they arise. In addition, students can request specific help about volunteering opportunities.

## **The Careers Programme**

- The careers programme aims to prepare students for the 'world of work' through a wide range of activities.
- The weekly tutorial programme contains up to date information.
- Work Experience section on Pearltrees.
- Specific careers support programme for job and apprenticeship seekers.
- An annual Employer Fair for Level 3 students and a level1 /2 Progression Fair. The structure of this has yet to be confirmed. We may need to invite virtual speakers into class.
- Virtual Visits from outside speakers from industry, voluntary organisations, the armed forces.
- We usually have visits to employers, work tasters and shadowing but these are likely to be virtual.
- Useful online programs and library resources on job seeking, including CV writing.
- Mock interviews, available to all students.
- Entrepreneurial challenges run by departments