



FFC Careers Newsletter

Welcome to the Fairfield Farm College careers and employability newsletter edition no.4

Covid19 has been a challenging and life changing event for everyone. The way in which people have been working has very much changed in the last six months. Many office staff have had to work from home, the furlough scheme was created to try and protect jobs. Pubs, restaurants and gyms were closed and have slowly reopened with restrictions in place. The wearing of masks and face shields and the introduction of working 1 metre plus to socially distance are currently the new norms.

We wish all of our fantastic work experience providers well during these difficult and challenging times and our work experience students are very much looking forward to the day when they can be back working with you all again as part of the team.

FFC students continue to show their resilience as they adapt to the latest working guidelines and changes and we continue to be busy here at FFC with students working daily in the café, shop and reception areas. Students also continue to work daily in the café, ticket office and animal park at Hope Nature Centre.



One of our students Tomas has been undertaking work experience with Lyons Seafood's in Warminster the past two years. Tomas cannot physically go to the office at present but is now working with Lyons again one day a week based in the FFC World of Work office and remote working. Tomas has had to learn how to use Microsoft Teams so that he can virtually meet with the Product Development team and is currently working on product benchmarking for Lyons range of Christmas products that will go to the main UK retailers. Lyons as always have been fantastically supportive in getting this up and running.

Remember earlier in the year before Covid19 arrived and when we were selling socks to raise money for Swindon and Wiltshire DS Workfit to promote World Down Syndrome Day 2020.

Fairfield Farm College & Hope Nature Centre students, staff and customers raised a phenomenal **£547.31**

Now more than ever it is important to find out about different careers and opportunities in the local job market. Use the new Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Explorer site launched via the Careers Hub to find out more:

<https://swlep.co.uk/programmes-swlep/careers-hub/careers-explorer>

Work Experience Spotlight: Canal & River Trust

During Covid19 we have started a new work experience partnership with The Canal & River Trust based at Bradford on Avon Wharf. Four students have been attending once a week and helping with the grounds maintenance of the carpark and picnic areas and litter picking the canal bank around the wharf. Students have been able to learn about the management of the waterways and how canal boats move through lock gates, even helping at times. Students have been learning how to use the mower to cut the grass in the picnic area and have been using tools to cut back and clear Sycamore trees. Students have had to adapt to the new Covid19 ways of working which include social distancing and regularly washing hands and using hand sanitiser. Future planned jobs include canal lock gate maintenance at Semmington and tree and hedge planting at Whaddon Bridge.

Students Kieran, Ryan, Tom and Zackary have been supported by staff members Darren and Karla.



Work Experience Spotlight: Wainwright Quarry and Somerset Earth Science Centre

We are delighted that we have been able to return to one of our long standing work experience partnerships at Wainwright Quarry and Somerset Earth Science Centre. FFC students have been busy working hard taking on the grounds maintenance around the Science Centre with lots of leaf raking and cutting back of overgrowth around the pathways keeping them busy. We have had to put in some additional measures due to Covid19 including socially distanced outdoor working and regular hand washing and sanitising. Students Aaron, Jenny, Jordan, Maja and Sophie have been supported by staff members Kim and Kiki. **(Photos below were taken prior to the Covid19 outbreak)**



Fairfield Farm College is always looking for World of Work opportunities for our students.

For anything careers related you can contact us at careers@ffc.ac.uk