

# SUPPORTED INTERNS

*- a path to employment*

Wirral Met College's Supported Interns Programme

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Welcome to  
the home of the

## Good Night Guarantee



A Supported Internship is a partnership between Wirral Met College & host employers. It is tailored to the individual needs of the young person to develop skills in order to gain paid employment.

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## What are Supported Internships?

Supported Internships are programmes that offer people with a learning disability, or difficulty aged 16-24 years old, the opportunity to get practical work-based learning experience, providing a smooth transition from education to paid employment to further study.

## Who is the programme for?

Supported Internships are for young people aged 16-24 who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.

## Meet Lucy Jones - Wallasey Orthodontics

*"I have been working at Wallasey Orthodontics since 18th September 2017.*

*In my role here I have done things such as scanning impressions, scanning teeth models moulded from patients' teeth. I have been scanning important documents and helped creating some types of spreadsheets. I have worked in a team and worked independently as well as using my initiative."*



## How the programme helps

**Supported Internships offer a range of benefits, helping people with a learning disability or difficulty to:**

- **Raise their aspirations**
- **Build skills and confidence**
- **Better understand employment**
- **Show employers what they can do**
- **Progress towards paid work**

## Why the programme is needed

Being a young person with a learning disability presents a huge challenge when trying to break into the world of work. The course offers a chance to start in work with support.



## Meet Karl Beswick - Asda Birkenhead

*During Karl's time at Wirral Met College he completed a BTEC Introductory to Business, Level 1 and developed his employability skills during his work experience placement. This helped Karl secure a place on the Supported Internship Programme.*

*Karl was successful in securing a placement at ASDA and he worked a minimum of sixteen hours per week. Karl excelled on his placement and proved a real asset to the departments he was placed in. This led to Karl securing paid work with ASDA.*

## Learning disabilities and employers

Often students don't get through to shortlisting stage due to problems when applying. This course offers practical support in this area when applying for work.

**Supported Internships offer a great opportunity for young people with a learning disabilities to learn practical vocational skills in a real world setting, which helps to address some of these barriers.**

**It is also a chance for individuals to demonstrate the contribution they can make to a work force.**

## Benefits to the employer

- The employer and the intern are fully supported by both the College and experienced job coaches
- Supported Internships help employers create a diverse and vibrant workforce, enhancing public image as a leader in employing people with disabilities
- Employers will benefit from improved workforce morale and increased customer goodwill
- Supported Internships offer a flexible, productive recruitment process, filling gaps in your business with staff who will be a real asset
- Employers will have the benefit of additional help in the workplace



Daniel Close, AMF  
Precision Engineering  
Ltd.

**Wirral Met  
College  
have  
placed  
24 Interns  
into jobs**



Jessica Gibb,  
Sandlings Childcare.

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