

Redwood Supported Internship

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Redwood Supported Internship is a one year programme for students with learning difficulties based at Rochdale Infirmary and Rochdale Football Club.

The students on the Supported Internship programme have the opportunity to work as 'real' employees, for 'real' employers, in a 'real' workplace while being supported by job coaches employed by Redwood School. Interns systematically gain both specific and transferable work skills that increase their chances of gaining paid or voluntary employment.

During their time on the Supported Internship, the Interns have the opportunity to show employers the valuable contributions they can make to the world of work. It offers a life changing opportunity that can enhance lives, raise self-esteem and develop confidence.

Interns go through a rigorous assessment process and interview that effectively matches them to a job. They work four days per week 10.00 —2.30 and get quality support provided by one of our experienced job coaches to enable the job to be carved and skills required to be systematically developed. As the Intern gains confidence the support is less intense and eventually withdrawn. They also have a daily one hour education programme to develop and improve functional and everyday Maths, English and Life Skills in preparation for working life. On day five, the student have a well being day where they get together to plan, budget and organise their social lives. This includes becoming more aware of and accessing the facilities available to them in their own communities.

The package provides education, employment, enrichment, independence and social opportunities for the Interns and enables them to make the transition into adulthood by being work and life ready.

The Supported Internship programme has been running successfully for a number of years and is having a significant impact in terms of gaining paid employment and we are finding that the Interns are sustaining their positions in the workplace. Over 60% of students following this pathway gain employment (a number significantly reduced due to the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic)

If you would like more information about Redwood Supported Internship contact Simon Alcock, Assistant Head Teacher on 01706 750815 or email simon.alcock@redwood-

