

EmployAbility is a supported internship programme initiated between Round Oak School and National Grid. It took its first cohort of interns in Warwick in September 2013. The programme is now based in Warwick, Hinckley, Solihull and Wokingham, providing internships for 24 young people. The programme runs each academic year and gives students the chance to work in different placements developing skills they can use to achieve their first step into paid employment

The story so far!

As the second term has come to a close, and the 3rd one is under way, we take a closer look at 2 of our amazing interns to see how they've done in their current roles. (not too bad at all if their mentors say so themselves!)



Abi Hart

Abi has been working in Trustee Services (Pensions) with Rebecca Seaton as her mentor during this time. Rebecca had these words to say about Abi...

'Abi worked for Trustee Services from September until March and was a highly valued member of the team. She worked very hard and always displayed a great attitude and a desire to continuously develop her skills. Abi learnt to complete many different tasks throughout her placement and it was very rewarding to see her skills and her confidence grow over time.'

And I can confirm that Abi's increase confidence and skill set has got her a place in the Control Room for her 3rd term! Well done Abi, YOU GO GIRL!!!



Edward Armstrong

Edward has been extremely busy intern with 2 placement's in this second term. Ed has been spending half days with Jaz and Gus helping CSC and then shooting of across site to aid Sanjay Mystry with Control room support and review! Here's what they had to say about Ed...

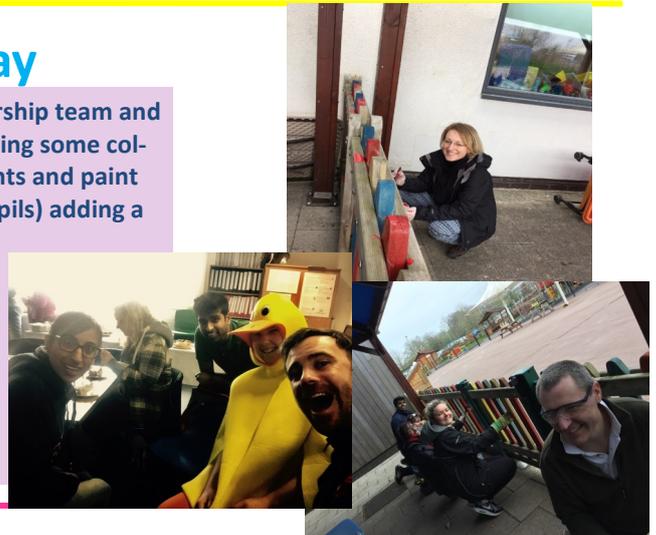
Ed has excelled himself this last term. He has really come out of himself and is chattier than ever. His confidence has grown immensely and is always eager to learn, he sometimes even teaches us stuff! We cant wait to have him back next term!!

Well it seems Edward has blown Jaz and Gus's mind this term!!! I've got a feeling this next term will be a breeze for Edward :)

Addington School Community Day

Back on Friday 24th March, Cordi O' Hara, members of her leadership team and the ever enthusiastic EmployAbility team, joined forces to help bring some colour back to the Addington School. Armed with a multitude of paints and paint brushes we set about (with the help of some very enthusiastic pupils) adding a beautiful red, blue and yellow fence back the sensory garden. With the fence spruced up, a very sad looking train also got the full NG leadership treatment, driving (do you get it!) the kids crazy with excitement,

Just to finish off the day, a 6ft duck popped in to say hi and caught Urmi completely by surpriselove that surprised look :) Cant wait for the next one.....



Work Inspiration week



During Work Inspiration Week 2017 in Wokingham, 11 students from the Addington School got the chance to experience life at the Electricity National Control Centre in Wokingham, Berkshire. The eleven students and 5 National Grid graduates took part in a number of activities over the course of the week, from learning about Electricity and Gas to building a scale model of an electricity pylon. In addition to spending time in the office environment, the students also got the chance to visit the 24 hour Control Room and visit National Grid's main asset storage facility.

The students then got the chance to present what they had learned and enjoyed about the week to an audience of National Grid Employees on the Friday. This was attended by the Director of National Grid's System Operator, Cordi O'Hara.



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As you know, the rules are simple...a few quick fire questions to get to know our team and some of the senior management who are backing this wonderful scheme.

We've only managed to get one of our very own Employability coaches for this weeks quick fire questions!!! Ladies and Gentlemen...the one...the only....

Martina McCutcheon (Sorry...Christie)



Name: **Martina Christie**

Age: **55 (doesn't look a day over 40!)**

Place of birth: **Flensburg, Germany**

Home or away: **Away**

Favourite city: **Capetown**

Favourite country: **S. Africa**

Martina:

Your 60 seconds starts now!

What animal would you be: **An Elephant**

What decade would you like to have been 18 in: **80's**

What superpower would you like: **Invisability**

Xmen or the Avengers: **Xmen**

Marvel or DC comics: **Marvel**

What did you do for your 18th Bday: **Home party with BBQ**

What would be your ideal adventure weekend be: **Horse Riding**

What would you like to get out of the Employability experience: **jobs for all the interns!!**



Autism Awareness Week

On the 20th April, The Employability coaches will be holding a brown bag lunch to give an insight on what autism is and how it affects people in a workplace environment. If you'd like to come along, please join us in Room W1.1.06. Hope to see you there!!!

They think it's all over.....

Addington staff Vs NG staff. **MAY 8th 15:30.**



As we come to the end of the football calendar, what better way to celebrate that with a game of 2 halves against a new foe :) The Addington staff have accepted the challenge to a kick around on May 8th at the Addington School. Kick off will be at 15:30 and should last as long as our legs will let it! If you want to play in this FA cup final matching game, please contact me on the email below and I'll get the teams in ASAP! The email address is:

Mark.haigh@nationalgrid.com



The 3rd term is here!!!

Thanks again to everyone who's supported our team in the last 2 terms and foe all those who have stepped in to provide a 3rd term for our amazing team.

I'm sure these Guy's and Gal's will breeze through this term and become permanent employee's, at which ever company they choose, in no time!

If you have any questions or would like to support EmployAbility at Wokingham, please contact our job coaches Martina Christie (Martina.Christie@nationalgrid.com) or Judith Shannon (Judith.Shannon@nationalgrid.com) who are more than happy to help and discuss any queries you may have.