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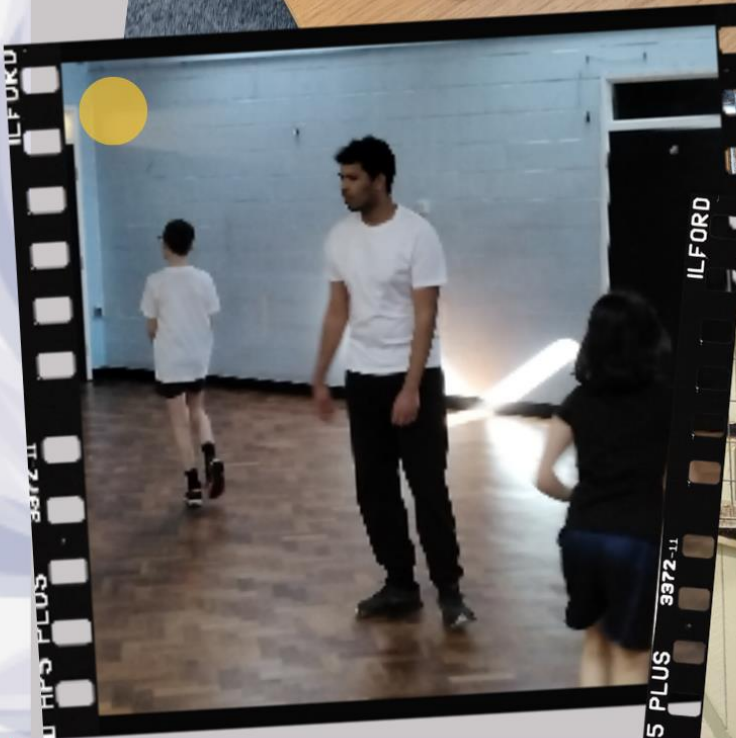
THRIFTWOOD
COLLEGE

WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY



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EDUCATE-CHALLENGE-PREPARE



Operation Work Experience

Where did we do our work experience?

"I was given a cleaning
job at the SEAX Trust"



"We worked with the
Thriftwood IT Department
on the School & College
Site"



"We worked in the
Thriftwood PE
Department as PE assistants
on the school site"



Albert, Nick & Emily



"I work at Harvester's Farm Kennels and Cattery"

Sam



"I work in Chelmsford Market selling parts and repairing bikes"

"I worked with the Thriftwood IT Department on the College site"



Matthew



Joshua



Joseph

"I am part of the site team at college and help put out and put away tables and chairs"

DAY 1

"I was thinking, 'I hope nothing goes wrong!'"

Harley

"I was feeling nervous and excited"

Nick

"Everybody was really kind and welcoming"

"I really looked forward to it!"

Joshua

Albert

"I thought, 'I don't know whether I can do this'"

Harry

They all welcomed me. It was a bit strange having a cup of tea at break times in the staff room

Emily

"I helped set up a new Acer laptop"

Matthew



Some of the

HEALTH

&

SAFETY

RULES

we followed



"I made sure the wires weren't a trip hazard"

"I had to make sure the pupils were using the equipment in the right way"

"I had to know where the fire extinguishers were"

"Making sure I wear rubber gloves when handling the bleach"



"When clearing rubbish outside I had to wear protective gloves"



"I have to disinfect my shoes when I'm at the kennels so that the dogs and myself stay safe from bugs"



"I made sure I didn't have a drink next to the laptop I was working on just in case I spilled it on the electrics"



Walking the dogs

Vacuuming the offices

Taking a hard drive out

Tidying the PE cupboard

Cleaning the toilets

Changing the tyres

Explaining the rules to pupils

Demonstrating how to balance

Cleaning the Kennels

Serving the customers

Emptying the bins

Putting on Microsoft software on the laptop

Carrying out instructions

Stacking the chairs and moving them

Putting the climbing frame out

Work Tasks



What did I learn about myself?

"I learned I couldn't have a break when I wanted. I was really happy to work all the sessions I was given"

Nick

"I learned that I could stick at a job and overcome my anxieties"

Harry

"I've learned that I don't really like messy jobs but I am reliable and always attend work"

Joshua

"I learned that I can get into work early. (7:00 AM). I find I also do more jobs around the house"

Sam

"I've learned that I could do this job in the future. I think I'm braver and more confident as a person"

Harley

"I learned how difficult it is to teach. I was really proud of being able to help pupils understand"

Albert

I was proud of being able to help the pupils

Emily

**Chestnut
Cottage
D of E**



Volunteering



**CHELMSFORD
PARKS DEPT.**

Chestnut Cottage



Over the college year the Duke of Edinburgh group have been volunteering once a week to maintain the grounds of Chestnut Cottage



Chestnut Cottage



**What the
Volunteers
said**

INITIAL THOUGHTS

I was looking forward to helping other people *Ethan*

We felt OK!

*Joshua &
Fiona*

We felt a bit Nervous

*James &
Alice*

I felt nervous and worried about what to do *Emily*

I was happy! *Jasmine*

WHAT SKILLS DID WE LEARN

- How to rake the leaves
- How to mow the lawn
- How to dig a hole for planting bulbs
- How to cut a hedge
- How to weed
- Helping with refreshments
- Watering plants
- Potting flowers
- Cleaning and looking after tools
- Lifting and moving things safely using a wheelbarrow

HEALTH & SAFETY

- WEAR PROPER WORK CLOTHES IE PROTECTIVE GLOVES AND BOOTS
- BE CAREFUL OF SHARP TOOLS
- BE SAFE AROUND A FIRE
- BE CAREFUL OF UNEVEN GROUND
- BEND YOUR KNEES WHEN PICKING HEAVY ITEMS UP AND USE A WHEELBARROW TO MOVE THEM

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT OURSELVES?

I learned
how to ask
for help

James

I learnt that I
had good
motivation

Emily

I can carry on
even when I
don't feel like it

Jasmine

That helping
other people
makes me
happy

Fiona

I've learned how
to garden and I'm
good at it now

Joshua

I learned to
work as a team
with new people

Ethan

I'm a good
team worker

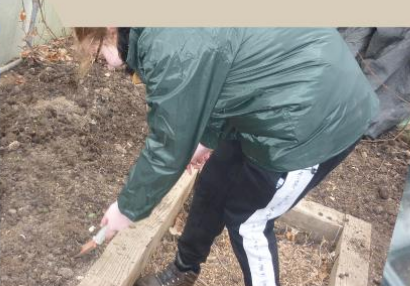
Alice

CHELMSFORD PARKS DEPT.



- The KS5 Horticulture group volunteered to help the Chelmsford Parks Dept at the local community allotments on Waterhouse lane.

● They also helped plant trees in Hylands Park, starting in February and early Spring ●



What the Volunteers said

CHELMSFORD PARKS DEPT.



INITIAL THOUGHTS

I thought it would be pretty good, a bit like a work taster test *Langley*

I was unsure what jobs I'd have to do. *James*

I didn't know whether I'd like it *Rosie*

Excited! *Katie*

Nervous about getting things right *Ben*

Why not? I've done work like this before on a farm *Thomas*

Good! I really wanted to do it *Olivia*

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT HORTICULTURE?

- That you need to water plants regularly
- How to plant a tree
- That you need to weed the allotments
- How to use a wheelbarrow
- That birds help keep plant pests at bay. That's why we made bird feeders
- How to plant seeds the right distance apart
- Trees help clean the air

HEALTH & SAFETY

- WEAR SAFETY GLOVES
- PUT THE TOOLS AWAY SAFELY
- USE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT
- HAVE A MATURE ATTITUDE. IE. DONT BE SILLY
- LISTEN TO INSTRUCTIONS
- BE CAREFUL OF HAZARDS EG SLIPPY MUD
- PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING
- CLOSE GATES
- BE CAREFUL USING SHARP TOOLS

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT OURSELVES?

I'm good at doing tasks and can do a thorough job

Langley

I have found out that I like gardening

Rosie

Knowing how to grow stuff is my big achievement

Katie

I found it difficult working in the hot weather bending down all the time. It was exhausting

James

I can take on lots of hard work

Ben

I'm good at using the equipment and with the right equipment I can get a job done well.

Thomas

I know I can weed and also plant trees

Olivia