



Work Experience to Improve Employability Skills

The college encourages students to complete a period of work experience as you can gain valuable skills which will enhance any application – to university, an apprenticeship or employment. We advise that you arrange this experience yourself as the placements are usually more tailored to what you require. Towards the end of the college year a week in July has been allocated for work experience, however we understand that sometimes employers cannot offer an opportunity at this time of the year. We therefore suggest you consider gaining experience in the college holidays. If you have managed to secure a short period of work experience during college time, please speak to your senior tutor to get it authorised.

For students completing the CTEC Sport Course, this is compulsory and will take place usually towards the end of the college year. Some Universities expect students to have completed work experience before you can apply for a course so it is important that you understand the benefits of relevant work experience and how it can contribute to developing your employability skills. Courses such as teaching, physiotherapy, nursing and other medical courses usually require you to have completed work experience so you are able to reflect on the experience in your application and interview. If you are considering a health related course at University, please make sure you see Sandra Morgan, Head of Science, in your first term at Aquinas College, as she will explain the requirements for different courses.

If you have arranged a work experience placement, please inform student information – ground floor of the learning centre and collect the paperwork to complete. You are also expected to record all work experience completed on your career plan as it will assist the college when writing references.

“Choose a job you love and
you will never have to work
a day in your life.”

–Confucius