

Bridge Business Centre



Newsletter - Spring 2 - 2022

Well done to staff and trainees at the Business Centre. There has been lots going on and trainees have been making a big impression with local employers and organisations. They have been great ambassadors for the Bridge. Well done to you all. Let's take a look at what they have been up to...



Rugby champs

Well done to Theo who played his first ever game of Rugby with Worcester mixed ability team. Despite sustaining some injuries, team Worcester clinched the win. Well done, all!

Volunteering

We completed a volunteer day with Malvern Hills Trust, clearing an overgrown area within Malvern. This was a really physical task and the trainees all worked exceptionally hard to help out the local community. They were suitably rewarded with hot chocolates and a picnic around a bonfire at the end.

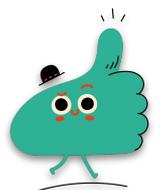


Reach for the skies

We have had our second EHO visit since we opened and passed with flying colours and received another 5 star rating. One more 5 star assessment and we'll get our super start rating! Well done to our chief Chef Gary and all the trainees who work so hard in the kitchen to keep our standards so high.

Work experience

Harvey completed a work experience placement at Malvern Hills District Council. This was a really diverse placement where Harvey was well and truly invited into their team. He attended a planning meeting, dished out parking tickets, saw how local petty crimes are handled and completed administrative tasks. He even got to have his photo included in the local paper. Say cheese...



Work experience continued...

Kyle started his work experience at Caravans Stuff 4 U at the beginning of March. The feedback from the manager has been very positive and there has been talk of a possible part-time job over the summer. Kyle has enjoyed his one day a week so much he has asked for it to be increased to two. Kyle has taken the initiative to find out more about different aspects of the business and says he enjoys having a physical role.



After a very successful work placement at Malvern Library (attending 1 day a week since the end of November) Henry hopped on the train to visit the Hive in Worcester. The visit went so well, Henry was keen to start working there straight away. For the next half term, Henry will attend the Hive one day a week. This is a big step up from Malvern library. Henry had his first day at the Hive last week and took everything in his stride. He is always keen to improve on the amount of books he processes and likes to try different tasks which are on offer. He interacted well with all the staff and is looking forward to returning next week.

Alix has successfully secured his first work experience at Smart Box, it was a pleasure to see him looking so smart for his first day. Alix has asked to attend his work placement over the Easter holiday which is great to see. Alix has been working with an ex-student of the BBC who is now an employee of Smart Box. Alix is keen to learn more about the role and in time increase his days attending Smart Box.



Giant Puppet Making workshop

During this workshop the Trainees got creative with making their own giant puppets, and then put their skills to the test even further by writing, filming and producing a short screenplay using these puppets! This was something really different for them and really gave them a chance to think collaboratively on how they could put together and perform something new and interesting.

Interview preparation

We had a Business Mentor & Coach visit to give some mock interviews with a handful of trainees. This gave them all a valuable taster of what a real interview may look and feel like. The trainees were all given really comprehensive feedback on their performances. There were loads of opportunities to learn through this experience and it helped to boost their confidence in taking those next steps.



Important dates for your diary:

25th April: Teacher training day 27th May: Last day of Half term
26th April: Pupils back to school 6th June: Pupils return after half term break
2nd May: Bank Holiday

