

CAREER READY

WHAT IS CAREER READY?

Prior Pursglove Career Ready programme helps raise our students' aspirations and bridges the gap between education and employment by giving access to real experience of the world of work.

It provides a structured programme of academic study, work experience opportunity, mentoring by employer volunteers, and motivational lectures and workshops to give students the skills and knowledge they need to be able to perform more effectively in the wider world.



WHY SHOULD I JOIN CAREER READY?

No other programme of study combines academic study and work experience in this way. The programme will provide opportunities to gain a full understanding of the dynamic business world and aims to provide a structured work placement, taking place over the summer break.

USEFUL SKILLS & INTERESTS

Students should expect to be hard working with the ability to work as part of a team as well as on an individual basis.

As you will be expected to undertake some form of work experience you should be prepared to develop interpersonal and communication skills to enable you to contribute to the workplace environment.

COURSE STRUCTURE & CONTENT

Career Ready will run alongside your studies at Prior Pursglove College and whilst on the course you will develop and explore:

- How to prepare for employment:
 - Application forms
 - Construction of a CV
 - Covering Letters
 - Interview preparation
- How to improve your employability skills
 - Team Work
 - Communication and interpersonal skills
 - Organisational skills amongst a few
- An exploration of many different careers and career routes

You will also be given the opportunity of:

- Academy trips
- Personal Mentor
- Summer Internship
- Employability Skills

COURSE COMMITMENT

This is a one year course but runs over 2 college years (December to December), and you will be required to attend all sessions and visits, lectures and meetings with your business mentor.

EXTERNAL INPUT

We try to make Career Ready as real as possible with the help and support of many local businesses.

We have representatives from lots of different sectors who mentor students on an individual basis, deliver lectures and support sessions, offer site visits and work to ensure all students understand how the real world works.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The college requires 5 GCSE passes grades 4 - 9 for entrance onto this course, including English Language.

PROGRESSION ROUTES



STUDENT COMMENTS

"This programme helped me to build a platform that I believe will be beneficial in the future."

"Career Ready provides help with real life skills, and work experience is a great way to get ready for the real world"

"The Career Ready programme has been a very valuable subject, and also the very valuable work experience that you conduct through the summer between first and second year"

"The course is extremely beneficial for a future career in Business, as it offers a work experience at a bank or building society at the end of the first year – which highly develops employability skills and looks very impressive on your C.V. when applying for university or any future jobs. Also, the course gives a good understanding and knowledge of Business, in particular finance."

"I think that being part of Career Ready has given me the chance to meet a lot of new people and take part in activities & events that I wouldn't usually have had the opportunity to be involved in. I feel that it's opened so many doors for me, for example, with the work experience which gave me the chance to experience a 9 – 4 working life and develop my skills for any future jobs."

"The Career Ready programme was incredibly beneficial in not only my academic development, but also my personal development. I completed a six week placement which provided me with great skills and allowed me to get a taste of what working life is like. Overall the Career Ready course has given me confidence with working with others as well as providing me with a great deal of knowledge with regards to the financial world."

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require further information please contact the subject leader Ryan Matthewman

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