

Queensmill College - Career Programme 2023/2024



Introduction:

The Queensmill College Career's Programme is a vital part of our organisation's commitment to preparing interns for the constantly changing professional world. This program aims to provide interns with the skills, knowledge, and guidance they need to succeed in their careers. Throughout the year, we organise various events and sessions featuring esteemed professionals who share their experiences, expertise, and insights to inspire, educate, and guide our interns toward successful career paths.

Here is a description of the different events our interns participated in this year:

Our Journey to Employment:

Our interns visited students at Queensmill School who are studying in secondary education to share their own path to employment. The interns created individual PowerPoint presentations showcasing the schools, colleges, and courses they completed, as well as their experiences and aspirations. This session was incredibly inspirational as the young people at Queensmill School could see themselves reflected in the interns' journeys and gain a clearer understanding of what the future might hold.



TFL Apprenticeship Fair:

Many of our interns consider themselves TFL enthusiasts. They have great knowledge of bus numbers, routes, timings, and even registration numbers. Therefore, we couldn't miss this incredible opportunity to take part in this fair, which showed them different ways to access employment. Although we believe that supported internships are the best way for them due to the level of support, communication, and education, this could be something they might be interested in in the future if they can't access employment through us. Well done, TFL, for organising these types of events that promote employment pathways for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.



Maria Varela from Education Development Trust:

Maria Varela, Enterprise Coordinator from Education Development Trust, conducted a session on LinkedIn in preparation for our interns' upcoming visit to the LinkedIn Headquarters next term. During her presentation, our interns learned about the distinctions between LinkedIn and other social networks, how to create a profile, find jobs, and connect with professionals to advance their careers or explore new opportunities. Maria has been collaborating with us for several years, and her enthusiasm is truly infectious. We are grateful to have her on our team and for the remarkable opportunities she provides our interns.



Mark Walton from LinkedIn:

After Maria's presentation on LinkedIn, we had the amazing opportunity to visit LinkedIn Headquarters in Farringdon. Mark Walton, Global Client Director, provided our interns with valuable information about LinkedIn and its benefits. We also heard from various professionals in the field about how LinkedIn has impacted their careers. They conducted a workshop to help our interns create or improve their LinkedIn profiles and shared multiple tips to enhance their chances of making connections and finding suitable jobs.



The Queensmill College Career Programme 2023/2024 has been an incredibly positive experience, not just for our interns, but also for students at Queensmill School. It has provided them with more knowledge about what the future might look like for them, making it more predictable and achievable. The events, led by experts in their fields, have given our interns knowledge, experience, and alternative pathways towards employment. We hope that this programme has been a wonderful addition to our existing internship programme at Queensmill College, helping our interns learn and grow even more. We are thankful for the contributions of the professionals involved, as their sessions have filled our interns with hope and prepared them for success. The Queensmill College Career Programme will continue to grow and support our interns as they work towards their bright futures.