

Trident: Work experience scheme

Trident is an introduction to the world of work for students in Years 10 or 11. Students spend two or three weeks of curriculum time out of school and in the work place. At this stage most have never worked so the concept is totally new to them – the aim is to give them a chance to see what different working environments are like, instil a work ethos and start to develop basic life/employability skills. Whilst they are in the work place they can learn all of these for themselves (by doing them) rather than being told what is expected of them in a classroom setting – which is never as effective.



Case study: Trident Student

We speak to Devin, who completed his placement last year, about his experience on the Trident programme.

Name: Devin

School attended: Victoria College

Placement attended: Jersey Finance

What advice would you give a student who is about to make their Trident choices?

The most important aspect to consider when thinking about a trident placement is what benefits one can ascertain from a specific placement. Do you want to try something out that you might not like just to make sure of that or do you want to test the waters in a placement you are familiar with and one you might pursue in the future? Either way you have to think above all else what would be most beneficial in helping you choose a future career.

What did a typical day on your placement at Jersey Finance involve?

I was lucky, in the fact that it was quite varied from day to day so I would at the same time get a feel for all the work they did at Jersey Finance and not get bored doing so. Your job as a Trident employee will mainly be assisting in projects and work around every placement and help aiding the process, so you get a real understanding of what working there actually entails; Jersey Finance did this very well.

What are the three most important skills you gained during your placement?

Problem solving, team work and communication were, I would say, the three upmost important skills I gained from working two weeks in Jersey Finance, of course along with the general understanding of a work environment, which I guess isn't really a skill but more of wider knowledge.

What did you learn about the world of work that you could not have learnt at school?

Pressure is one thing I took away from Trident; everything is almost more real in a work environment. There are deadlines and tasks that should be completed to a high standard which I guess is in the basis of school, but your job really depends on it especially in Trident.

How can Trident help students with their future career decisions?

As I always say, Trident is either a stepping stone to a future career, almost a taster into what work in that field would entail, so in that case would help you gather experience on a specific subject, or a chance to try something you might not like just so that you can be more sure about what you do actually want in the future.



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