

Trident – Who are we?

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.



Deborah and Fiona's top tips

A good work placement can inspire you, help you to develop your skills, give you an idea of industry areas you might be interested in and help build contacts – setting you up for more opportunities in the future!

Here are just some tips from the Trident team on how to make the most of your time:

- **Think carefully when making your choices** – Would you like to be in an office or do something more practical? Do something you think you will enjoy and have a genuine interest in. There are no right or wrong choices.
- **Make a good first impression** – Turn up on time and make sure you're dressed appropriately for the job. First impressions count!
- **Get to know people** – Being friendly and approachable is a valuable skill in any industry. It's a great opportunity to ask people about their roles which could prove useful for your own career path.
- **Ask questions** – Don't be afraid to ask relevant questions. It shows you're keen to learn and employers are eager to share what they know if you take an interest.
- **Enjoy it** – It's all good experience even if it's not the career you want to do in the future. Make sure you think about the elements you enjoyed, and those you didn't, and work from there.

Did you know?

- Trident is run by just two team members who place around 1,000 students in work placements each year!
- Around 500 island employers take part in the scheme each year by offering placements to students...but we're always looking for more!
- Trident has been running for 35 years and is one of the largest examples of corporate social responsibility in Jersey.

More learning through work schemes: Young Enterprise

A company programme for Year 12 students

Between October and April around 70 students experience directly the trials and successes of running their own company under the guidance of mentors from the business community.

Each student will assume a role within the company – e.g. Managing Director, Sales and Marketing Director, Finance Director etc. – Including deputy roles to each directorship. The teams are mixed from all of the island's secondary schools so that students will be working with people they may not know.



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