

Removing barriers to give everyone the opportunity to reach their potential

George's Supported Internship



“I have gained many experiences and skills since being on the Supported Internship Employability Programme and this has boosted my confidence working in a different environment. I am delighted that Cromwell School has provided me with a fantastic opportunity in a paid role to be a part of their team and make a real difference”.

George – Supported Intern

George has made a positive impact during his placement at Cromwell High School on the Supported Internship Employability Programme, he has gained a wide variety of experience supporting pupils who have severe learning disabilities in various areas of the curriculum such as PE and Enrichment.

Prior to starting his “Everybody Can” Supported Internship with Active Tameside, George felt overwhelmed with employment prospects lacking confidence and self-esteem. George previously studied at Tameside College where he completed Level 2 Sport. Having gained voluntary experience in Primary Schools supporting the PE Coach with PE Lessons and various Sports Clubs, this served as a solid platform for George to go on and progress further on the Internship with fantastic outcomes. George has seen his self-confidence and self-belief grow, seeing first-hand how being a positive role model, to other young people can make a real difference to their lives.

Since starting his placement George has successfully completed a full term at the school, achieved a permanent position on the School Cleaning Team, achieved fantastic feedback from the school at review meetings, with the Head of School extending his placement due to hard work and determination, the School have asked George to attend the Year 10 Residential in March 2019 as an additional member of staff, more recently the School have offered George additional hours working as a Midday Assistant. George is hoping to secure an apprenticeship at the school in September working as a Teaching Assistant where he will complete a course through Tameside College.

“George has demonstrated a flexible approach to his role developing good working relationships with both staff and pupils. He has been eager to learn and go the extra mile. George recognises where support is required and without prompts provides the necessary support/guidance to pupils. George shows empathy demonstrating a caring and patient manner, he relates well to the pupils due to his background with his previous school Samuel Laycock. He encourages pupils to join in with team games contributing to an increase in their self-esteem. George shows a lot of enthusiasm and has made a real difference since working at Cromwell High School”.

Scott Beswick – Internship Development Officer

“He has fantastic relationships with the pupils and they are looking to him for support. He is an excellent team player both with the pupils and the staff. He has very quickly settled into this supporting role and requires very little direction. George is a young man who uses his initiative and is very willing to learn. He is developing a good rapport with the pupils and a mutual respect is being shown. Pupils are now asking for George to help them which is fantastic to witness”.

Jan Smith – Vocational/Enrichment Manager (Cromwell High School)

“George is a delightful young man who has gone from strength to strength on the programme. George seems more confident with his own abilities and is always willing to give everything a try”.

Julie Fletcher – College Tutor (Tameside College)