Midlothian’s Young People Work Experience Programme

MY-JET (Senior Phase)

The Senior Phase MY-JET (Midlothian Youth - Job + Education + Training) Programme is a year long, work based learning programme. It combines school education with real work experience. Aimed at Senior students who may be at risk of leaving school without a job or further training arranged, the young people are released from school one day per week. Pupils attend school for four days per week as normal and work towards their National 3s, 4s and 5s and one day per week they undertake a full day’s work experience with a Midlothian employer.

This model aims to provide young people with an integrated array of learning experiences that form bridges between formal schooling and employment. The overall goal of the Senior Phase MY-JET programme is to connect schools and employers in order to provide all students with relevant learning experiences, marketable skills and qualifications.

KEY FEATURES

- Information sessions delivered
- Assistance with the recruitment and selection process
- Senior Phase MY-JET Induction
- Reviews conducted every six weeks with the employer and pupil
- Attendance monitored and reports generated
- Mediation service between pupil and employer
- Exit Session
- Record of Senior Phase MY-JET Achievement produced for each pupil
- Health and Safety Audits carried out prior to start of placement
- Advice and support for employers regarding Health & Safety
- Liaising with employers
- Supply and delivery of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) direct to the school
- Jobcards allocated for all parents/pupils/employers

If you would like more information on any of the School Work Experience programmes delivered by LLE please contact
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Lifelong Learning & Employability (LLE) offers a range of training programmes and support that incorporates local market needs. LLE forms a key element of the Council’s commitment to social inclusion and economic development. The school programmes operated by LLE provide opportunities to gain valuable work experience for all Midlothian pupils.

**Midlothian School Work Experience Programme**

Midlothian’s School Work Experience Programme is based on businesses volunteering their time and expertise to support young people at the ages 14-16. Each school has a dedicated week. Saltergate High School, PAVE and Pathways to Success have flexible arrangements for their pupils.

The placement helps a young person to achieve a greater understanding of the world of work and career opportunities available to them in the local labour market. Work experience is important as it helps young people to start to make some informed “next step” career choices. Feedback from businesses highlighted that it is only through undertaking work experience that some young people have learned that job opportunities and apprenticeships are a valuable and viable choice for their future.

The programme also helps to inspire and motivate pupils to succeed beyond school.

**Extended/Flexible arrangements**

In addition to the one week S4 work experience programme there are a number of opportunities that Schools and pupils participate in which are booked as Extended/Flexible arrangements. This is an arrangement where the pupil will either go to an employer full time until they leave School or maybe go for one or two days a week as agreed with host.

The age range varies from S3-S6 with the majority of the pupils being in S4.

**S6 MYJET STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)**

The programme provides S6 pupils with the opportunity to gain work experience within the STEM industries. Previous students have worked in veterinary practices, within science labs and engineering firms to name a few examples. The programme is a great opportunity for pupils to bolster their UCAS and college applications prior to further and higher study. Interested pupils may apply via their school or by contacting their STEM Coordinator directly – Grant McGowan: grant.mcgowan@midlothian.gov.uk. Pupils are asked to apply in S5 prior to summer break (no later than May) and be confident they can manage their studies whilst also committing to a work placement.