

Case Study – Supported Internship Ashley School

David at Pyramid Distribution



David had always wanted to work with computers and had a talent with technology. He preferred to learn on the job rather than in a classroom and had completed a successful work placement with the school computer technician. Although he really wanted to continue with this work, there wasn't any opportunities for an internship, so David showed willing to look elsewhere and was prepared to travel that bit further to gain that ideal position. David was lucky that the Manager at Pyramid Distribution was willing to offer an internship to someone who had a good work ethic which David certainly had. He started with them in October and learnt how to refurbish laptops and gain an insight into the distribution process.

What did David do?

David began his internship by learning about the different roles in the workplace and how the laptops were refurbished. He was placed within the warehouse, and he learnt how to replace software and test equipment. The warehouse manager that this was an important part of the process and allowed other workers to spend more time doing other tasks.

David enjoys being part of the workforce and this has had a real impact on his motivation in 6th form. David can see the relevance of his college course and how the skills and knowledge he learns can be used in the workplace.

Employer Feedback

David has received excellent feedback from the warehouse manager who explained that David has moved round different departments from refurb to printing and has *“done absolutely superb. David got involved in upgrading the computers which has been a great help as it means that others can test more laptops quickly.”*

Parent’s Feedback

David’s mum has noticed the difference in David’s confidence and willingness to talk about his day. She explained that all of David’s family work and it is lovely to have David involved in discussions about what they have been doing and David is taking a real pride in his work and comes home much happier.