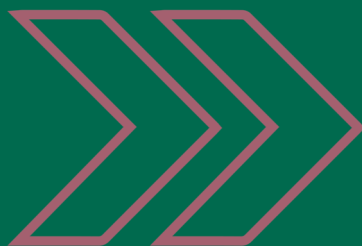


# Industry Experience Partnership Programme

From September 2022

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## Industry Experience Partnership Programme

Our Sixth Form Partnership Programme recognises the importance of developing skills that will be required beyond school and helps our pupils prepare for moving into the workplace, whether that is straight after school, or after university. Having significant industrial experience on their CV on leaving school will make our pupils stand out from their peers.

Pupils spend time at one of our business partners either as week blocks and/or day/half day work placements or a combination of these. This can be between 30 and 60 days each year. The placements are fixed around A-Levels and/or BTEC(s)/Diplomas and may also take place during school holiday times.

Pupils will have an interview with the business partner that they are interested in, and then together we will put together a bespoke programme. Pupils will be visited in the workplace regularly by a member of school staff and all placements will be appropriately health and safety checked.

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These placements will allow pupils to build their skills, experience the work environment, and find out about the different careers within that business.

Pupils will also see what life as an apprentice would be like, and whether this is a route they would be interested in taking after school.

Towards the end of Year 13 our business partners will interview the pupil for an apprenticeship position should the pupils wish to take this route.

Our Main Partners (placements with other businesses also possible):

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Established back in 1970, Deu Estates is one of the longest and largest running Letting Agents in Leeds, specialising in all aspects of accommodation. We professionally advise on Student and Professional Lets. Our extensive portfolio boasts a diverse range of properties available to let. We predominately look after properties in the City Centre, Headingley, Hyde Park, Burley and Woodhouse areas. We have approximately 400 properties on our books of which roughly half are owned by the directors. There are 10 members of the team at present.

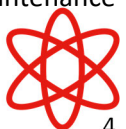
We are offering a placement here at Deu Estates:

The Role will include:

- Viewing properties
- Administration
- Accounts
- Property Management Assist customers who have specific needs
- Generation and reaching targets
- Build customer's interest in the services and products offered by the company
- Update the existing databases with changes and the status of each customer/prospective customer
- Working in the office; liaising and dealing with landlords, tenants, prospective tenants and tradesmen, both over the phone, in writing and in person in the office.
- Understanding the legal requirements of letting properties.

Along with all the above, you will gain vast knowledge of the property industry along with gaining many functional skills which will aid you in any future profession. There will be an option to apply for an apprenticeship after placement if this is the career path you would like to embark on.

There may also be the opportunity to work with property maintenance teams if this is something of interest.



# Infinity Works



We deliver tech-driven organisational transformation. Founded in 2014. Offices in Leeds, London, Manchester and Edinburgh with over 400 staff across all sites. We help our clients with their biggest technology and business challenges facilitated by a client tailored and technology agnostic organisational transformation approach.

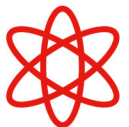
We create a technology environment that is lean, flexible and built to last. We build the correct client teams, processes and methodologies to enable our clients to transform from within.

We leave a legacy of good practices.

Clients include:



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# Infinity Works cont



6th form student to join our internal IT Systems for 6 weeks of pairing/mentoring - where he/she will work on our internal systems backlogs under guidance - this will offer exposure to the following:

- How work is prioritised
- Agile ways of working as the team work in sprints
- Coding using Javascript - Google Apps Script
- Introduction to Google Cloud Platform
- Operating IW's internal IT systems such as GSuite Admin, Wifi network, Atlassian (JIRA, Confluence).

The students will learn skills that are relevant to today's IT market, e.g.

- Cloud hosted platforms such as Google Cloud Platform or AWS
- Coding using Javascript and/or Python
- DevOps techniques - Continuous Integration, Logging, Monitoring
- Agile Ways of Working - SCRUM / Kanban

At the end of 2 years, they will be eligible to apply for an Apprenticeship which is currently run via Code Nation over a 15 month duration, which will further build up their software development skills. Upon completion of the course we tend to start apprentices within our IT Systems team where they can apply their skills before progressing into a consultancy / client facing role, which would be the next obvious step in their career.

Successful placement students need to have an interest in STEM subjects as following this path will take their internal career along a technical and problem solving focused route. We're not looking for out and out techies. Successful candidates will bring more to the table, especially in terms of wider hobbies, interests and an ability to form solid working relationships. Coding provides the deliverables, communication and asking the right questions ensures what we build is valuable and solves the clients problems and needs.



The story began back in 1946 when Edward Tordoff and two other partners first established Tordoff Motors Ltd (trading as 'Brooklands Garage'). Later, after the death of his father, Jack Tordoff bought the shares for all of Tordoff Motors Ltd and went on to build a new showroom next to the original garage. Alongside this Jack bought a Mercedes 600 bearing the registration plate 'JCT600' - Jack's initials and the car model which lead him to create the brand name that is now known today.

JCT600 has grown into one of the UK's largest and most highly respected motor retailers now representing 22 of the world's most iconic brands at over 50 locations throughout Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and the North East.

There are around 2,000 colleagues working for JCT600, and among these are four generations of the Tordoff family as it remains to this day, a proud family business.

With JCT600 you will get the opportunity to gain experience in a chosen area such as Marketing, HR, Accounts, Property or Vehicle Leasing. All these areas are based at our Head Office and will offer you a great view of what it's like to work within the Automotive Industry.

On top of this your time with us you see that developing skills such as communication, listening and being well organised will be important once you make the move to employment. This experience will give you all the information you will need to be able to decide if the Automotive Industry is for you and if so how you might want to enter it, this could be through an apprenticeship or through numerous trainee positions?

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Ponderosa is a creative marketing agency based in Leeds. It's our job to come up with effective communications for a whole host of exciting brands. These range from digital experiences to more traditional ad campaigns, and every idea we create is based on clear, relevant insight.

If you're interested in brands, marketing, social media, digital, design or video, a placement here could be for you.

We have a number of departments you can get involved in, including Social Media, Digital, Creative, Brand Strategy and Client Services.

We'll shape your placement around you – if you'd like to try different departments and then specialise, that's fine. And if you already know what you want to do, we'll make sure you get experience in that area.

You'll gain hands-on experience working on exciting clients and household names, like Russell Hobbs, Sony, Hisense, even The Real Yorkshire Pudding Company. You'll develop a range of key skills from creative problem solving to organisational and commercial skills, helping you get ahead after you finish school.

Impress us over your two years and you'll be able to apply for an apprenticeship or full time role here.

The work is office based, at our HQ in Leeds City Centre.

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# Pure Technology Group



The pure technology group (PTG) is a leading provider of IT services and solutions to UK SME, mid-market, enterprise and public sectors.

We are not your average company. We strive for continual, never-ending improvement and our values remind us of who we are, what we do, how and why we do it. Our energy, commitment and passion make us stand out from our competitors.

We provide a comprehensive range of IT solutions and services to the SME commercial sector, mid-market and enterprise. Our success is fuelled by our passion for the three things that matter most to our company – our customers, our people & technology. Our commitment to service excellence and solution knowledge serves over 1,500 commercial customers across many industries. IT in the public sector is a priority investment area for pure technology group and has been since our inception in 2007. As always this has been fuelled by our passion for the three things that matter most to our company – our customers, our people & technology. Our commitment to service excellence and solution knowledge is earning us a growing reputation for the provision of public sector solutions.

## Clients:



# Rex Proctor and Partners



RPP are a Leeds-based, privately-owned construction consultancy with offices also in London and Marlow. We offer Quantity Surveying, Cost Management, Project Management and Employer's Agent services to both private and public sector clients. Within the Group there are also companies that specialise in Building Surveying, Health and Safety, Asbestos and Principal Contractor Services.

## Role on placement

While on placement, students will be involved in the Quantity Surveying and Project Management teams, under the direct, day-to-day supervision of a senior member of staff.

The role will involve some office-based duties, including project administration tasks, but will also include site visits to assist senior staff members with on-site duties, such as valuation of works, site meetings and quality inspections.

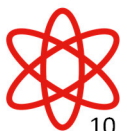
## Skills required

Students will be expected to comply with all company technical, office and quality procedures, and to have a professional attitude at all times, both in and out of the office.

Good organisational and time management skills are required as, at times, students will be expected to undertake work on their own initiative.

A high level of numeracy and accuracy is expected, as well as a working knowledge of technical software such as Microsoft Office programmes and CADMeasure.

An ability to communicate effectively at all levels, both orally and written is essential.



# Schofield Insurance Brokers



Schofield Insurance Brokers were established in 1974 initially created by Michael Schofield as an independent brokerage. Whilst the business has seen many changes over the years and grown substantially in size, we remain an independently owned local Brokerage.

Our customers are central to everything we do. We are committed to ensuring all customers fully understand the policies we have arranged and that their insurance needs, whether Commercial or Personal, are fully met, giving them peace of mind.

We are passionate about offering opportunities to young people, helping them start on a career path that can potentially provide endless development and talent growth. We have various departments within the business – Personal Motor, Personal Household, Commercial and also Claims with opportunities to move around the business to develop knowledge and skills across all disciplines. Training is delivered in many forms; coaching, observing, online learning portals and of course, on the job learning.

Key skills required which will be developed through training are; willingness to learn, strong communication (written & verbal), working to timescales, deadlines, organisation & attention to detail. Ideal personal qualities are open & honest, thrive & confident in a fast-paced Sales environment. The role would be office based, however there may be the opportunity to attend external client visits as part of the development programme.

Apprenticeship schemes are offered with successful individuals working through the Insurance Practitioner Level Standard 3, Functional in Literacy & Numeracy Level 2 achieving the Certificate in Insurance (Cert CII) which is an industry recognised qualification.



Walter Dawson & Son is an experienced firm of Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors based in the Yorkshire area. We pride ourselves on our individual approach to your finances, whether you are starting up in business or already well established.

Our personal, partner-led service offers value for money and professional, straightforward advice. We aim to be flexible in our approach and offer visits to clients' premises if required, to provide a service tailored to suit your specific needs.

Founded in 1886, Walter Dawson & Son has been advising family businesses for five generations.

The firm has grown and expanded across West and North Yorkshire, and our team of 55 professionals are now based throughout five offices situated in Bradford, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Leeds and Leyburn.

We pride ourselves on providing our clients with the best accountancy and taxation service available, not only in terms of the advice we give, but in our approachability, professionalism and value for money.

Our comprehensive range of accountancy, business and tax services can be tailored to your individual requirements, and we are confident that our proactive and partner-led approach will help you to grow your business, minimise your tax liability and maximise your personal wealth.

Our specialist sectors are: Agriculture, Solicitors, Manufacturing, Property, Construction Industry and Health Professionals

Placements will be available in all of these sectors working at either of our offices in Bradford or in Horsforth.

Students will work alongside accountants and with clients and understand the accountancy career path. They will have the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge of the sector.



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## How it works...

- Pupils will choose a range of A-Level/Btec/Diploma in Finance courses dependent on their ability and preferences.
- Pupils will undertake between 30 and 60 days of work placement days over their 2 Year 6<sup>th</sup> Form Programme.
- The business will interview prospective students and decide who they would like to take.
- The business will put together a suitable programme with input from the school.
- Placement days to suit the employer, and in agreement with the school. eg. Block weeks and/or one day per week etc.
- The student will have regular visits from a member of school staff.
- There will be a dedicated contact at the business for the school and student.
- A short report produced at the end of both Year 12 and Year 13 by the employer.
- The business will interview the student for any suitable available apprenticeships at the end of Year 13.
- All placements will be subject to H&S checking.

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