

INDUSTRY: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

PROGRAMME: NHS BORDERS VIRTUAL WORK
PLACEMENT

ACTIVITY: DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN THE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SECTOR

SCHOOLS: SCOTTISH BORDERS HIGH SCHOOL



This is the first year that NHS Borders have delivered a Virtual Work Placement (VWP) in collaboration with DYW Borders, Scottish Borders Council and Inspire Learning.

The NHS Borders VWP provided pupils an opportunity to better understand the range of services and career pathways available within the health and social care sector. It developed their knowledge of the sector and developed the employability skills valued by employers. The programme saw a high level of interest in schools, with over 40 pupils attending.

Throughout the five-day programme, the pupils had the opportunity to explore and better understand the values, skills and professional standards needed to work in health and social care. These included timekeeping, dress code, appearance, organisation, and problem solving, team working, high levels of interpersonal skills and much more!

Pupils worked both independently and within small teams, creating a presentation of their learning for the final day. This was shared to the other pupils, the DYW school coordinators and NHS staff who had been supporting the participants. The pupils were assessed throughout the week using both a daily workbook and their presentation, to determine whether they would achieve an SQA Award at either SCQF Level 4 or Level 5.



The quality and volume of work that was produced by the pupils was outstanding. All pupils exceeded our expectations both in the quality and volume of work that was produced. It was clear that each individual pupil had engaged with the lessons, applied the knowledge gained from the class, and followed the instructions. All pupils worked hard over the five days and this is clearly demonstrated in the quality of the resources produced.

It can be challenging for pupils to come together from different schools in a Teams call, and to then participate in virtual classroom activities. We were particularly impressed by the how the pupils interacted both in the within the classroom and in their individual schools. It became clear that confidence was growing over the week as pupils bravely interacted both through chat and verbal response. All pupils were polite and respectful not only to facilitators, but to each other and we would like to thank each pupil for their contribution. We wish each individual pupil success in achieving their ambitions and we would like to remind them to reach for the stars."

LIBBY NOBLE, CARE HOME EDUCATION FACILITATOR, NHS BORDERS.

100%

Believed that they gained or improved their employability skills.

81%

Felt they had received enough information prior to starting the Virtual Work Placement (VWP).

63%

Would definitely like a career in Care, the NHS or medicine.

97%

Would recommend this work placement to their friends.

NICOLA SHAW

DYW BORDERS SCHOOL COORDINATOR

"A fantastic week, which provided senior pupils with the opportunity to connect with NHS and begin their learning in Health and Social Care. Pupils learned about the variety of employment opportunities and roles within the NHS and created an amazing final presentation to share with their peers and training providers, achieving a SQA Virtual Work Placement Unit – Level 5."

SHELEE FOJCIK

JEDBURGH GRAMMAR CAMPUS - S6

"I really enjoyed the placement and learning about the different roles and routes to careers in the NHS."

CHRISTINA MCGORUM BEGARA

PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL - S5

"I found this work placement week very interesting. I would have liked to hear about more roles within the NHS, for example, Doctors, Surgeons, Dentists."

MOLLY MACFARLANE

SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL - S6

"I really enjoyed it; I did this work experience in S6 as I didn't get to in S4 due to Covid-19. I would tell anyone to do this if they don't know a lot about the NHS as they can learn and gain an insight to what it could be like working in the NHS, before, through the pandemic and after, as it is much different now than before."

PUPILS AND THEIR CERTIFICATES



To contact DYW Borders please email:

DYW@DYWBORDERS.CO.UK

You can also visit our website at:

WWW.DYWBORDERS.CO.UK

OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

