

The Real World!

Year 13 students embarked on one of the most valuable career planning activities provided at Banbridge High School – Work Experience Week. Students began the process some months ago, and finally their hard work paid off as they embarked into the World of Work with excitement and trepidation.

The placements undertaken varied widely from Nursery School to Retail, Norbrook Laboratories to The National Trust. All of those who participated appreciated the importance of the experience and have made good headway in deciding or discounting a future career path. The feedback from employers too was very positive, and you will note from the quotes below that the students' attitude and ability to work positively in their places of work should be commended.

Finally, it would be remiss not to thank all of those involved in making the week such a success for the whole of the Banbridge High School Community, not least the valued support of employers in guiding our young people as they make important decisions.

Adam Baines – JD Hunter & Co, Lurgan

'Adam was a friendly, cooperative and hardworking young man. He showed good enthusiasm for his work and got on with everyone he worked with'.

Richard Hunter, JD Hunter & Co.

Gary Dawson – Gordon's Chemist

'A very enthusiastic, mature young man. A pleasure to work with during his placement'.

Mark Frizzell, Gordon's Chemist ICT

Gordon Winchester – National Trust

Gordon showed a genuine interest in the work we did and asked some really good questions about it. And he worked extremely hard – making the rest of us feel a bit old and feeble at times. His character and attitude made it a pleasure to spend the week with him. He was a credit to his school and is certainly welcome back any time he wishes. We are glad he found his week worthwhile and enjoyable.

Craig McCoy, National Trust

Chloe Irwin- Donard School

Chloe was an excellent pupil who joined in very well. Chloe was very willing and helpful working on a 1-1 basis. I was very pleased with Chloe's work and would welcome her back if the occasion arises.

Philip Herron, Teacher, Donard School

