

Maria Thea's

TECHFEST

Blog



ABOUT

The logo consists of two overlapping heart shapes, one pink and one teal, with the words "career ready" in white lowercase text inside the pink heart.

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ready

Career Ready is a program students across the UK can take part in to get work experience through an internship. This gives students everywhere the chance to develop new skills or develop further.

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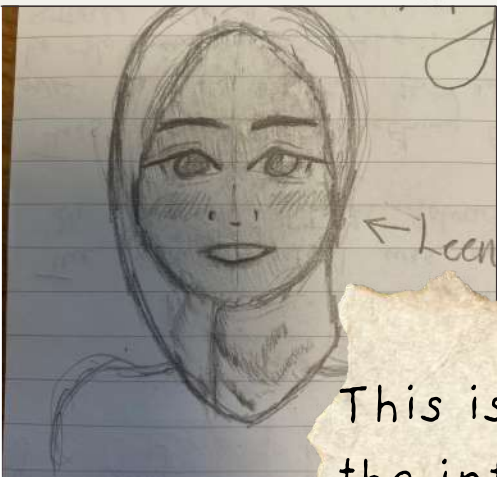
I have joined Career Ready to see what it's like in a work environment and to gain some work experience. I also joined so I could develop my communication with people around me.

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About Everyone



This is Eve & Kirsty, two mentors for Career Ready! They guided me and helped me through my time here. They showed me so much about TechFest and made my time here very enjoyable, they also given me quite a lot of experiences that I won't forget!



This is Leen she started half way during the internship but despite that she has been an amazing person to work with! She worked with me on the '24 Days of STEM' project.

My Profile!

I'm a pupil from Northfield Academy and I'm about to go into S6 for my final year. During my time at NFA I took a few Nat5 subjects that include; applications of maths, English, drama and music. I also took those subjects again for higher (except from apps of maths). I took a level 5 photography college course at Nescot College during S4 and came back to it in NFA as an NPA subject. Currently for S6 I'm studying Nat5 applications of maths again, biology, geography, media and I'm back at drama for NPA. At NFA I also got the chance to take a Princes Trust (now called Kings Trust). Since I was little I had one goal, try to make my way into the entertainment industry, the performing arts was something I've always loved and wanted to do in the future!



Me!

My hobbies are singing, dancing, acting, crochet, writing, drawing and learning new languages! Finally I also love going out for walks, espially with my friends!



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WALK



LANGUAGE



WALK



DRAWING



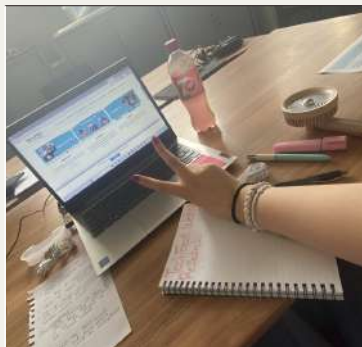
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WEEK ONE

During my first day it started 30 mins later then the original time and I still somehow got there an hour early so I used that time to take a short walk around and got myself something to eat. Soon I got to the office and it was Yaska who welcomed me and showed me around the office and parts of the UoA Campus. I got to see the library and I thought it looked very intimidating as I never saw it in person before. The next day I got to meet with Eve and Kirsty and they showed me around the office again and I got to have another look around of the campus and looked at the Botanic Garden. Soon I got told about the '24 Days of STEM project and I started to making my own ideas for it. During my first week I also got to join in on a team meeting and I got to know a little bit more about the team and more about the different projects TechFest gets to be involved in.



Me, Eve & Kirsty!



My desk :D



Garden

WEEK TWO

This week started off quite simple as I mainly did some feedback sheets from different outreach events TechFest has held for the first two days of the week. I also got to join another team meeting for this week, it was a continuation from the meeting of last week. The few days was trying to think of more ideas for the advent calendar! I was able to think of some and I was able to get started on them. During this week Kirsty gave me the timetable for the following week where I get to meet Leen. At the end of the week I got to test out some of the hands on experiment activities I came up with.



FAKE SNOW



DOOR



MELTING
SNOWMAN

WEEK THREE

During the first day of the week I worked on more of the advent calendar, mainly on some sheets and instructions for a coordinates idea I came up with. That same day Eve gave a run down of the different STEM activities for the outreach at Seaton Park the next day. Then it was the outreach day I somehow managed to get there around an hour early so I took a walk around the park and soon I got to meet Leen for the first time, she is such an amazing person to work with! The next day was Leen's official first day in the office and we got to head out to an NESCOL Energy building to scout out a place for some of the future events.



Me with crown :)



NATURE
CROWN

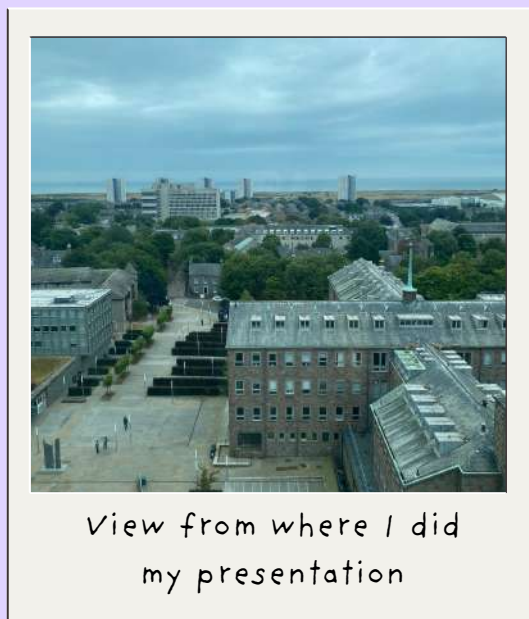


Me, Ruby & Leen

WEEK FOUR

Since it's my last week I mainly focused on whatever I needed to finish before my last day but other than having to finish off anything left over there was an STEM outreach day at Hazelhead Park that was themed around water based stuff. The park was very packed with so many people that day, it was hectic but fun!

I then started preparing myself for a presentation for the end of my internship.



FINAL THOUGHTS

Would I suggest any S5's in the future to sign up for Career Ready? 100% yes! I really enjoyed my time as a TechFest intern and it was such a great experience to have. Career Ready is a good thing to sign up for if you want some sort of experience and want to try getting some sort of start.

Favourite part of my time with TechFest was defiantly the outreach days, it was a fun opportunity to get out of the office and it was also fun talking to the kids at the park.

When I started I wanted to try to improve my communication with others and I'd say I defiantly developed within that.