

Charing Cross Hospital Graduates 2022

Dev



Dev working in Microbiology

Dev joined the DFN Project Search Supported Internship at Charing Cross Hospital in 2021, aged 17. Despite being the youngest of his peers Dev was confident and had a clear goal of working within IT from the start. He worked hard at his qualifications and within his work rotations. For his first rotation, Dev worked within the Microbiology Laboratory where he learned about booking in and triaging samples and using the electronic systems to do this. This was an exciting environment where Dev excelled however, he remained focussed on his IT career goal.

For his second and third rotations Dev was placed within the ICT department at the hospital. This allowed Dev to further develop his ICT knowledge and provided him with the experience he needed to successfully secure a paid full time role as an Apple Support Technician after graduating from the programme. Dev used his first paid job to further his skills and experience and has now moved on to his second paid role with Toureen Construction where he is Site Service Administration Assistant, providing technical support across the site.

Dev says that on his internship “I learnt how to work independently and under pressure and to tight deadlines.”

Paolo



Paolo working as a Ward Host

Paolo joined the DFN Project Search Supported Internship at Charing Cross Hospital in 2021 from Belvue College, aged 18. Paolo was initially a little shy when he joined but his friendly personality and infectious smile meant he quickly became a popular member of his peer group.

Paolo wasn't sure what he wanted to do in the future but was willing to work hard at his qualifications and to try his hand at any practical role. His first rotation was within Patient Dining where workers pick and pack lunches to order and deliver them to the wards. Paolo worked hard and integrated well with the team. He enjoyed it so much he requested to remain there to develop his skills and knowledge of the role for his second rotation. For his third rotation he worked as a Ward Host where he developed his communication skills further, however, he was intent on returning to Patient Dining in the longer term. Since graduating from his internship Paolo has been in paid employment as part of the bank team for Patient Dining within the Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust for 22.5 hours per week and hopes to secure a permanent position soon.