

experience something genuinely interesting

# TRY THINGS OUT

“Academically we may be equal to some of our peers, but sometimes we struggle with the soft skills like communication or even how to act in an office environment. Those are skills that people take for granted.” - Sophie, 21

your future job might not exist yet, but you can still prepare

## tailored

“They are here for you and me, to make sure that tomorrow we have no excuses in life because someone was here to help you out.” - Ugo, 20

# work experience

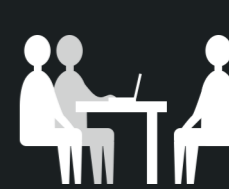
have something to mention on your personal statement

## gain skills

“Be positive, try out new things, take risks and explore your choices!” - Sofia, 22

## network

### SCHOOL BASED OPPORTUNITIES



#### INDUSTRY SPEAKERS

- Hear from professionals ranging from graduates to directors
- Opportunity to ask questions to our business professionals

#### EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS

- Gain practical employability skills such as:
- How to write an email
  - How to behave in a job interview
  - What does ‘smart casual’ mean

#### SPEED NETWORKING

- Quality time with professionals from a variety of industries
- Ask questions in small groups
- Pathways into careers explained

#### MOCK INTERVIEWS

- Meet professionals from graduates to directors
- Practice questions featured in real university/job interviews

“One of the greatest weeks of my life. Thank you not only for looking after me but also giving me some sound, solid advice on life. All the staff were great to work with and I hope to be working with you and the rest of the team soon.” - Lima, 16

### BUSINESS BASED OPPORTUNITIES



#### BUSINESS INSIGHTS

“I have been looking for a job since I was about 15, which usually involved awkwardly dropping my CV in shops and running away... I ended up getting two jobs on the same day.” - Georgia, 20

- Morning or afternoon in a business. An insight can involve various activities:
- CV writing session
  - Meet heads of departments
  - Simulated work activities

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

- A week of relevant and meaningful experience.
- Businesses prepare a schedule full of interesting and exciting activities
  - A chance for a professional reference

“Honestly, I had low expectations! But it’s the complete opposite. What I love the most is that you guys really care about what I want. You’ve helped me so much with deciding what I’d like to do with my life. You made me realise that it’s ok that I want to do so many things and there are so many jobs out there that I could do, and actually enjoy them as well.” - Khadija, 17

“When you’re a young person, it’s easy for you to get lost. I feel that Access can really be a GPS for a lot of students.” - Ochuko, 19

## ACCESS ASPIRATION



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