



For those students who have developed a high level of employability skills, there is the option to undertake a one year programme in Year 14 on the supported internship. Redwood Supported Internship is an effective route to progress towards paid employment for students with SEND on the 6th form 'Employability' pathway. Redwood Supported Internship is a structured study programme based primarily at Rochdale Infirmary and Rochdale Football Club supported by an Internship manager and Job Coaches. The programme is designed to enable students to achieve sustainable, paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for work through learning in the workplace.

Our internship programme is a major pillar of our commitment to assist and support students in taking the next step on their journey from education to the world of work. Through a supportive yet confidence-building approach, we immerse our students gradually into the world of work, giving them the skills, they need to work independently while breaking down stereotypes at every stage. Through our tried and tested system, our internship builds on the skills already developed during work experience and pre internship, including time management, organisation and interpersonal skills that are necessary to secure and accomplish a paid employment role. This programme is student focussed: taking those students with the desire and aspiration to gain a paid employment role and imparting the skills and confidence needed to help them on their journey.

The main aim of the supported Internship programme is for students to do real jobs and to become work ready in order to be successful in gaining paid employment. To provide the opportunity to develop an understanding in the workplace and understand employer expectations. Encourage the development of values and interpersonal skills that contribute to success in the workplace. Develop the tools needed and provide opportunities to encourage friendships to enjoy a social life.