

# JET ACADEMY

Your Pathway Your Future

## Senior Phase Work Placement and Education Programme

THE JET ACADEMY offers Edinburgh senior phase high school pupils the opportunity to gain qualifications and develop employability skills through extended work placements.

The JET ACADEMY is the Edinburgh model for the implementation of Developing the Young Workforce National Work Placements Standards.

JET aims to provide pupils with:

### Educational Attainment

Young people follow their school timetable for up to 4 days per week where they study within the Curriculum for Excellence Framework. They work towards achieving a nationally recognised Employability Award accredited by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) at SCQF level 4. Young people complete 3 units – Preparing for Employment, Building Own Employability Skills and Responsibilities of Employment. There are also additional opportunities to study and gain vocational and industry recognised qualifications through Edinburgh College, Queen Margaret University and other training providers. These are all delivered within the school timetable.

### Employability Skills /Work Experience

The school timetable will be adjusted to accommodate a work placement and other learning opportunities. Young People are matched to a work placement where they undertake extended work experience with an employer over an agreed period of time. Often this is one day per week but can be flexible to meet the needs of the young person. They have the opportunity to continue in one placement over the year or have shorter placements in other sectors. Real work experience allows young people to develop their employability skills. It gives young people a realistic experience of the world of work and employer expectations. They develop skills in employability, communication, problem solving, working with others and self awareness in line with the national Skills for Careers Framework.

### Support and Flexibility

Young people are supported by JET teachers in school and JET work-placement co-ordinators. Staff maintain regular contact with employers, liaise with parents, report absences and discuss the young person's progress. All placements are registered through Gateway Shared Services and are health and safety approved. Staff work to ensure that the placement supports young people in developing their employability skills and to identify a pathway for a positive destination in Education, training or employment when they leave school.



Luke Gibson – Edinburgh Catering Services  
(Photograph courtesy of Lloyd Smith Photography & Film)



Connor Miller – Mechanics placement

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