



Beyond the Classroom Careers Newsletter

February 2026

Welcome!

Welcome to our careers newsletter.

At Manor Green School, we are committed to providing our students with meaningful, enriching experiences. This term, they have taken part in a wide range of internal and external work placements, as well as an exciting variety of trips and visits. Both our Manor Green and College Link students have certainly had a busy and rewarding month!

This month, our students have been up to a lot! At the start of the month, Milligan class and College Link students took a trip to Ascot Racecourse. They were given a behind the scenes tour of the racecourse and even got to meet a racehorse. The students loved every minute of it, and so did the staff.



With a well-deserved week off this month, our students jumped right back into work experience. With a whole new group starting in the café, new barista training, and the brand new Hurley Café.

Our Apprenticeshop has been thriving this month. Rachel has been hard at work setting it up for Valentine's Day and putting up all the new stock. With Ben W's help, the store looks amazing and is the perfect place for a gift, or just a little treat for yourself.



Our Barista training has been a huge hit with the students! Since starting in September, 10% of our Independence Upper School students have already completed their barista training, and 50% of College Link students have completed theirs! The students have been enjoying the opportunity and are thriving in their new barista roles. The students have been able to put this training into practice, working at Starbucks and working the Hum Jolly event.

Next month, students are going to be busy prepping and planning for You're Hired!

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT:

Each month, we like to give a special shoutout to one student who has really stood. This month's student is Mawuli Williams. Mawuli has been going above and beyond to help out in the café. He is an amazing addition to the café and has progressed so far. Keep up the good work!



TOP HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

1. NEW EXPERIENCE
Hurley Village Shop and Café.



2. TOP STUDENTS
Harry Saunders and Adam Wright!



3. TRIP/DAY OUT
Ascot Racecourse:
Behind the Scenes Experience.



A month in pictures:



Meet the Team:

Amrita Diocee- SSA Job Coach

How long have you worked at Manor Green?

I have worked at Manor Green for 7 months. I am really enjoying everything the role has to offer.

What is your favourite part of your job?

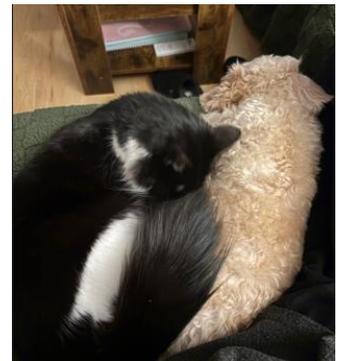
I love the opportunities we are able to provide our students with. I really enjoy sharing my barista skills with the students through our barista training sessions!

What do you do in your free time?

I like to draw, go to the gym, or relax at home with my dog and cat!

Fun Fact:

I am a really good swimmer. I also have a lot of tattoos!



Tanya Kirby- HLTA Job Coach

How long have you worked at Manor Green?

I have worked at Manor Green for 4 years.

What is your favourite part of your job?

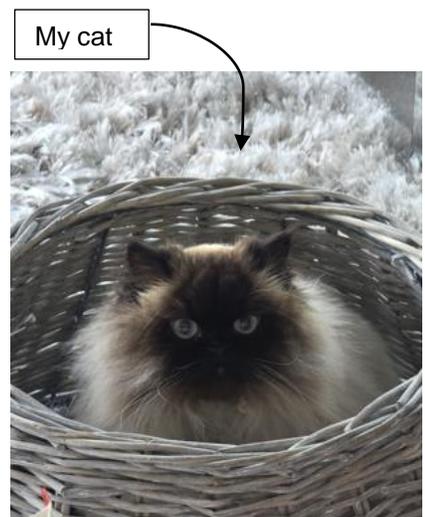
I love the experiences we are able to provide the students with and seeing them grow in their roles.

What do you do in your free time?

I like to go on walks or go to a spinning class. I enjoy spending time with my husband and two girls.

Fun Fact:

My youngest daughter has a horse that we all look after called Wilfred.



College Link Student Experience Interview:



This term, we interviewed a student about their experience at College Link and with work experience.

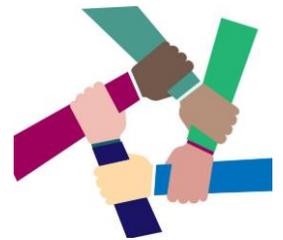
When did you start at College Link, and how did you feel?

I started in September 2025. I was very nervous and unsure at first, so I started doing reduced hours and taking the time to meet the staff and students. I now feel more settled in and less nervous.



What are you enjoying the most?

I enjoy the smaller classes at College Link. The staff support is really helpful. I enjoy all the work experience the college has to offer.



What work-related activities have you completed?

I have done work experience in the Apprenticeshop, and I've done barista training in the café. I have just started as a classroom assistant at Manor Green as part of my work experience. The college has helped me create a CV and look for jobs. I am currently looking for a part-time job.



What are your aspirations?

I would like to pass Math. I would like to find a part-time job and maybe look for an apprenticeship. I want to be able to travel confidently to and from a place of work. Overall, I want to have more confidence in myself and my abilities.

Best thing about College Link?

They are very welcoming and supportive. I am now more focused on my goals and the future thanks to the college link.



Safe and Supportive Environment



National Apprenticeship Week 2026

9-15 February 2026
#NAW2026



During **National Apprenticeship Week**, the Oxford Cluster & College Link students took part in an informative lesson all about apprenticeships from the in-house Careers Adviser.

Learners explored what apprenticeships are, how they work, and the different pathways available. The session was especially valuable for students who are working towards Entry level & Functional Skills and Vocational qualifications, helping them understand how apprenticeships can be a realistic and achievable next step.

The lesson included an interactive quiz at the end, where students tested their knowledge with key facts about apprenticeships — from earning while learning to the wide range of industries available.

We also explored apprenticeship opportunities in the local area, helping learners connect their interests and skills to real employment pathways within the community.

It was a fantastic session, building confidence, raising aspirations, and highlighting the many opportunities apprenticeships can offer.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Quotes after the session from students:

“A good session, I learnt everything about Apprenticeships”

“Apprenticeships are great and help people learn what it is like in the real world”

“They help you get a paid job and can be fun”

“Learn to do a job you get paid for”

