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Career Academies UK leads and supports a movement of over 1,000 employers and over 130 schools & colleges, working together to raise the aspirations of 16 to 19-year-olds.

With thanks to the Career Academy students pictured and to Shelley Williamson for the photography.

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Do you want to:

- improve your employability skills?
- link your studies to the world of work?
- gain real experience of the workplace?

If you feel you are committed, motivated, a self starter and a team player then this could be the opportunity for you.

Transform your prospects. Apply to join a Career Academy.

What is the Career Academy programme?

The two year Career Academy programme for 16 to 19-year-olds, is supported by over 1,000 employers, large and small from the private and public sector. Students joining a Career Academy within their school or college benefit from:

- support for their learning, leading to national qualifications
- a six-week paid internship with a local employer during the summer
- special employer-led lectures, seminars and company visits
- one-to-one mentoring by an experienced employee volunteer
- networking opportunities with other Career Academy students around the UK.

What qualifications do Career Academy students achieve?

Career Academy students follow a rigorous two-year programme, alongside school or college study equivalent to at least three A-levels (Highers in Scotland), enabling them to progress to higher education or the world of work.

What are the benefits of the programme?

Career Academies help young people achieve their full potential. Hand in hand with the qualifications and workplace experience, Career Academy students develop life skills – time management, interview techniques, public speaking etc – and significantly grow in confidence.

Where do Career Academy students move on to?

The unique combination of classroom teaching and 'real' experience of the world of work shows students just where their studies can take them. Over 85% of graduates go on to higher education, or an equivalent level of work-related training.

A Career Academy is hard work and it won't suit everybody. You've got to be prepared to put in extra hours of study, live up to an employer's expectations of its own employees and be ready to work as part of a team of like-minded young people. Your tutors will push you and have very high demands and expectations. But the rewards are worth it.

If you are interested in this exciting programme please speak to the Career Academy Coordinator at your school or college. Competition for Career Academy places will be stiff. If you think you're ready for this sort of challenge, we look forward to meeting you.

I would definitely recommend the Career Academy programme to any students. There is no other programme which will provide you with the opportunities that the Career Academy programme does. The internship alone is an invaluable experience for anyone completing their studies as it looks fantastic on your CV and it gives you a great insight into which career path you want to pursue.

Sofia, Career Academy graduate, Longley Park Sixth Form College

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