

JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We are now in full swing of rotation 2 and it is wonderful to reflect on the incredible progress our interns have made. The last couple of months have been busy and productive, and we are proud of the dedication shown by the entire team. We have recently navigated a series of significant milestones, including the completion of our first **Rotations**, productive **EPMs**, and various enriching Trips. Additionally, our recent **Alumni & Stay Up Late Events** were a fantastic way to reconnect and celebrate the continued success of our present & former interns.

Imran Hassan, Student Advocate for PS & Pfa



We are incredibly proud of how our interns have performed throughout this term. All learners are currently completing their **rotations** and have been doing exceptionally well. Feedback from their managers has been overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting how dedicated, motivated, and professional our students have been in the *workplace*. To mark the end of term, we held a special celebration on **Monday**. Students enjoyed a relaxed brunch together in the morning before heading to **Hollywood Bowl** for a **two-game bowling session**. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to bond, socialise, and celebrate their achievements, and the interns did an amazing job representing themselves and the programme. On **Tuesday**, our interns took part in a **Volunteer Day** focused on employability skills. Managers from across the business generously gave their time to support young people with **CV** writing and interview preparation. The interns approached the day with enthusiasm and confidence, and they truly excelled. Overall, this term has been a huge success, and we could not be prouder of our interns for their hard work and commitment.

Asenia Nenkova, ISS Tutor





This term has been a successful term of **1st rotations** at **Clyde & Co**. We have had great feedback from department managers and mentors. We acquired some new rotations this term such as: **Finance** where **Imad** has been working on different excel formulas, reporting, budgeting, and handling **Department finances**. He will continue to assist the Clyde & Co department next term as this is his dream line of work. We have had **K** working with the senior management team as personal assistant. She has had to opportunity to meet senior partners including those from the **Toronto Canada office**. K took the initiative to bring her to reflection to meet the rest of her peers. We had some excellent 1st EPM's. Our young people have really grown in confidence it was nice to have families in to see the growth and confidence when the interns were presenting. I would like to wish a warm farewell to our **Job Coach Dhwani** thank you for this term and we will hopefully see you in the future. However, I would like to welcome our new Job Coach **Rayhan** who has made a smooth transition from **Preparing For Adulthood at South Site**. We ended the term on a high with an all you can eat buffet at **Jimmy's Restaurant in Greenwich**, followed by **Darts** session at **Gravity Max in Stratford**.

Jade Jarrett, Clyde & Co Tutor



Ever since I have moved from **PFA to Project SEARCH** it's been going well. I have been learning new things about the **job coach role** and finding it very interesting as I continue working. Special thanks to **Dhwani and Jade** for showing me the roots to working at **Clyde and co**. It's also been amazing supporting interns with their work. The interns are amazing; they are hardworking, kind and great at communicating with me.

Rayhan Ahmed, Clyde & Co Job Coach



As I come to the end of my time with **DFN Project SEARCH at the Clyde & Co site**. I find it incredibly hard to put into words just how special this experience has been. This was my first real **work experience**, and I truly could not have asked for a better place to begin. From day one, the Project SEARCH team welcomed me as one of their own. I never once felt out of place. I felt supported, encouraged, trusted, and valued at every single step of the way. The growth I've experienced here has been immense. I've learned more than I ever imagined, not just about the work, but about myself. I made mistakes, explored, learned, and grew. All in a space where I was allowed to do so with kindness and patience. A special thank you to **Jade**, an incredible mentor and an even more incredible human, who gave me more support than I ever asked for. To **Matt**, for being such a grounding and inspiring presence and for giving me the opportunity to truly understand the impact of DFN and Project SEARCH. Thank you for giving me the space to grow when I walked in not knowing what to expect. Thank you to **Chi** for being pure sunlight, **Asenia** for your friendship and unwavering support, and to **Sean, Mubidi, Daniel, Mark** and every member of the PS team – you have all been exceptional. Leaving Project SEARCH is incredibly bittersweet. I don't really want to go – but I do leave with a full heart and the hope that one day, I'll find my way back to this remarkable team. Forever grateful. ❤️

Dhwani Shah Clyde & Co Job Coach



What a full-on month it's been at **Project SEARCH**! The interns have been absolutely incredible, settling into new rotations with confidence and positivity. They've taken on new routines and challenges and really made them their own. In the base room, it's been busy as ever, keeping up with the **curriculum**, working towards individual targets, and putting in consistent effort day after day. A real highlight of the term was our **EPMs**. **Interns** truly flexed their presentation skills, delivering confidently in front of families and departments. Nerves were normal, but they were met with courage, and the results were fantastic. Each presentation was a proud moment, showcasing progress, effort, and growing independence. The festive spirit truly came alive during our first **Stay Up Late event** of the year. With interns taking part in a brilliant quiz show, lots of laughs, energy, and teamwork all round. We ended the term in the best way possible: by celebrating. All the hard work, commitment, and effort were rewarded with a trip to **Jimmy's Buffet at the O2**. It was a well-deserved treat, filled with smiles, full plates, and a chance to relax and reflect on just how much had been achieved. It's been a demanding term, but also an incredibly rewarding one. The interns have shown resilience, growth, and pride in everything they've done, and this month has set a strong foundation for what's still to come.

Mubidi Munye, QMUL Tutor

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Project SEARCH Graduation
6th July 2026 2pm
Town Hall, Whitechapel



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