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Welcome to the **2026-27** academic year at **Project SEARCH!** This year we have welcomed **20 new interns** and launched **two new programmes.**

Our new **Project SEARCH site at Amazon** gives interns real experience in a busy fulfilment centre, building the skills and confidence to move into paid employment. Our new Pre-Supported Internship **(Pre-SIP)** at **Queen Mary University of London** helps young people develop the independence and work skills they need to progress onto a full supported internship.

We are also pleased to welcome **Osman** as **Assistant Principal for Supported Internships**, **Helen Gillan** as **Teacher at QMUL**, **Asenia Nenkova** as **Site Lead at Amazon** and **Arthur Davies** as **Site Lead at Clyde & Co**. We look forward to an incredible year of growth, skill-building and success for all our interns!

Imran Hassan, Student Advocate





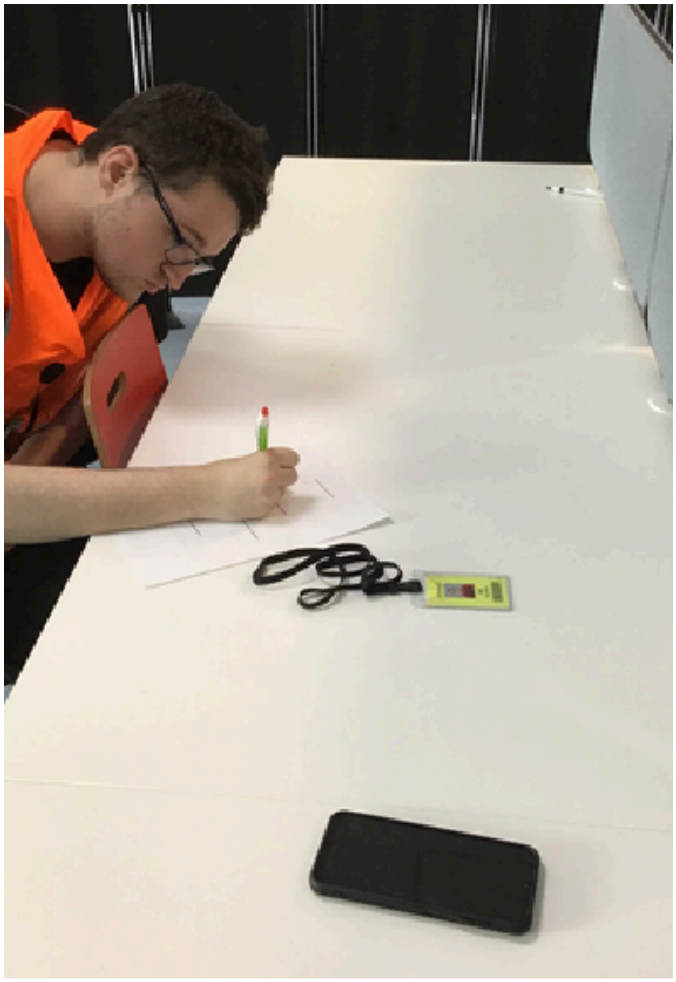
Welcome to our new interns for 2026-27



Neurodivergent Guest Speaker: Jorik Mol visited Project SEARCH

Our new **Pre-SIP programme** has got off to a fantastic start! Our interns have begun their ***rotations*** across a range of departments at **Queen Mary University of London**, gaining valuable hands-on experience in the **Zero Waste Shop, Café, Portering, Administration, Blizzard Laboratory and Mail Room**. Alongside their ***work placements***, the interns have been enjoying the start of our ***curriculum***, with a focus on **"Knowing Myself"** and developing independence, as well as exploring **Arts and Culture** through our ***Local Offer*** **Wednesdays**. They have already enjoyed some fantastic excursions, including visits to **Tate Modern, the Museum of Childhood, Frieze Sculpture in Regent's Park and the Serpentine Gallery in Hyde Park**. It has been wonderful to see the group growing in confidence, developing their independence and, most importantly, forming some lovely new friendships along the way. We are excited to see what the rest of the programme brings!

Helen Gillan, Pre-SIP (QMUL) Teacher





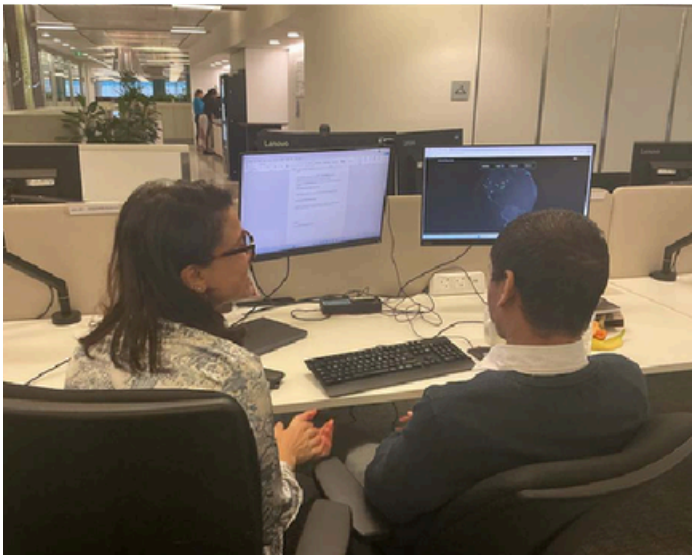
Over the past few weeks, our interns have made a fantastic start to their journey at **Amazon**, and it has been brilliant to see how much they have grown in such a short space of time. The interns began with two weeks of induction, where they were introduced to the expectations of the workplace and learned about **professional behaviour, health and safety, manual handling** and the importance of working safely as part of a team. From the very beginning, they showed a great attitude and were willing to learn, ask questions and get involved. They then moved on to their formal training at Amazon, where they had the opportunity to learn more about working safely within the fulfilment centre. They learned how to pick parcels, assemble and disassemble carts safely, and use pallet lifters. They approached each part of their training with enthusiasm and a real willingness to develop new skills. Now, the interns have taken the next exciting step and have started working in the fulfilment centre. They are using their own devices, which guide them through the picking and packing process and help them understand what they need to do throughout their shift. It has been fantastic to see how well they have adapted to the fast-paced working environment. They have shown that they can stay focused, follow instructions and work efficiently while also building positive relationships with staff members around them. Even when things have been challenging or the pace has increased, they have remained positive and continued to give their best.

Asenia Nenkova, Amazon Site Lead

The new **2026/27** academic year has started brilliantly at **Clyde & Co**, with new ***rotations*** with **Baxter Storey** Services offering **Hospitality Assistant** and **Catering** rotations, and a continuation of Clyde & Co's exceptional **I.T.** and administration rotations spanning **Sustainability, Personal Assistant Management, Diversity Equity and Inclusion and Legal Support**. Our four new interns **Aliyah Hoque** in **Admin**, **Muscab Ahmed** in I.T., **Mohammed Sayed Uddin** in Sustainability, and **Maxwell Leech** with Baxter Storey, have taken to the programme and their new rotations with maturity, curiosity and an eagerness to grow and learn, which helps this programme reach its full potential. As **DFN Project SEARCH Site Lead** of Clyde & Co, I am hugely grateful for the work both the host business and the onsite team provide for our young people and look forward to a positive year of growth and continued strength in partnerships and support for our young people.

Arthur Davies, Clyde & Co Site Lead







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Recruitment

We are open to applications for Project SEARCH 2027-28. For all application enquiries, contact: osman.osman@phoenixcollege.london or Scan below to fill out an expression of interest.

MEET THE TEAM



Imran Hassan (Student Advocate), Mubidi Munye (Senior Job Coach), Cigdem Yilmaz (Supported Employment Programme Lead), Asenia Nenkova (Site Lead at Amazon), Arthur Davies (Site Lead at Clyde & Co) & Daniel Tanner (Job Coach)



Helen Gillan (Teacher at QMUL/Pre-SIP) & Majlinda Gjoni (Follow-on Job Coach)



Osman Osman (Assistant Principal for Supported Internships)

~~Save the~~ date!

26-30 October 2026: Half term (back Tuesday 3 November, Pre-SIP back Wednesday 4 November)

Thursday 26 November 2026: Open Day Come and meet the team, hear from our interns and find out how our Supported Internships help young people into paid work.

16 December 2026: Stay Up Late (last day of term 17 December)

6 January 2027: First day back

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