



## Focus On Economy Hire

Economy Hire, based in Ringwood, has been established as a work experience provider for Sheiling students for many years. They are, in fact, our longest serving provider and one of our most popular!

As part of their placement students have the opportunity to wash fleet vehicles. Economy Hire placements offer flexibility and their friendly staff team welcome our students several times a week. With a predominantly outdoor environment, it is perfectly suited to some of our students.

This outdoor-based provision also meant that Economy Hire were able to welcome us back following Covid earlier than some other providers. We were grateful to them, as work experience provides the opportunity for our students to learn and practise different skills, although learning how to use the power hose does seem the most attractive!



If you or anyone you know could help extend our employer links or you would like to find out more about college admissions

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## Pavilion Dance

Sheiling College students and staff were delighted to be invited to Pavilion Dance. They were given a tour of the theatre and of the backstage areas.

Bournemouth Pavilion staff working in a variety of roles introduced themselves and explained more about what they do day-to-day. Roles included reception, media and light and sound technicians. Another highlight was access to the sound and lighting studio where the technicians further explained about previous work experience that led them into their current jobs.

Students and staff had a wonderful time which was brought to a close by the chance to watch a Bournemouth University dance class.



## BCP Land Management Rangers

It is important to care about nature and the environment in which we live which is an ethos promoted by The Sheiling Ringwood.

The Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Rangers play an important role in maintaining and promoting our countryside and heathlands encouraging native flora and fauna to thrive.

We are joining them on a weekly basis to learn new skills including path clearing, fence maintenance and scrub and river clearance.

Working alongside the BCP rangers and other volunteers, our students will engage in varied and physically demanding conservation tasks. Our students will make a positive difference to these important natural environments.



## Dorset Careers Hub

Recently, we joined the Dorset Careers Hub who, in collaboration with the Careers and Enterprise Company, bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and opportunity to The Sheiling Ringwood. An allocated Enterprise Coordinator proactively supports us to provide meaningful careers education and planning for suitable next steps. As the Work Experience Lead at Sheiling College I attended an event run by members of the Hub alongside other local SEND schools and colleges. These events increase and diversify our networking opportunities, all of which benefit our students. We are looking forward to the progressing this fantastic new partnership.

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## The Bridge

Run by Access Dorset, The Bridge is a community base offering support, skills and confidence building alongside volunteering opportunities for people with SEN.

Sheiling College Students are accessing The Bridge several times a week and enjoy participating in a range of work experience including horticulture, helping in the café and cleaning. We are fortunate to be able to combine the weekly sessions at Access Dorset with achieving Duke of Edinburgh units for those taking part this year.



## Mencap

Students have been attending 6-week employment workshops run by Mencap. The workshops focus on a range of soft employment skills each week including communication and time-keeping.

On completion of the 6-week course participants are then offered 4-weeks of work experience. We have piloted the very first programme working with Mencap to make small adjustments to enhance and build a more inclusive and interactive experience for students.

We were privileged to be involved in the process and our students and staff have enjoyed the

workshops. We are now close to finishing our second 10-week block and we hope to send more students in the next academic year.



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