





# DFN Project | SEARCH



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### **Rotation** 1



Important Dates:

Thursday

I7th December

Finish for

Christmas

Monday 4th January 2021 Return to work Begin Rotation 2

> Thursday 14th January 2021 Alumni Quiz Night

Our 5th cohort of interns joined us at the Marriott on 7th September. They began their Project SEARCH year in a very different way to previous cohorts. Masks and social distancing have been the order of the day, but our interns have settled in well, observing all of the necessary health and safety requirements.

After initially spending more time in the Project SEARCH classroom, the group are now fulfilling the required 5 hours a day in their Marriott departments. They have been getting to know their Marriott colleagues, working on their communication skills as well as the work skills they need to get them into paid employment. They have been flexible in their attitudes, crossing over to various departments to complete required tasks where needed.

As well as our 7 new interns, we also welcomed back 2 of last year's cohort, so that they could complete the rotation they missed due to the lockdown period. We are very pleased that Aiden has now moved on into a paid job and we all wish him well with this.

Each of our current interns has completed a personal profile and these are shared on the following pages.

### **Meet Our Current Interns**

### **Alphy**

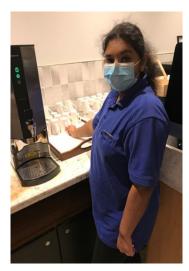
Areas of interest at the Marriott:

M Club Lounge

Public Areas Housekeeping Conference & Banqueting

Employment Goal: A job in a coffee shop/cafe

Rotation 1 comment: Working in M Club has helped me to improve my skills. In my next rotation I want to communicate more.



#### **Brandon**

Areas of interest at the Marriott:

House Keeping Porter Leisure Club

Employment goal: Not yet decided

Rotation 1 comment: *I got on well and I kept to the rules. I liked the people I worked with in House Keeping.* 



#### Rachel

Areas of interest at the Marriott:

Leisure Club M Club Lounge

Conference & Banqueting

Employment goal: A job that involves working

with customers

Rotation 1 comment: I really enjoyed my time in

Leisure Club and learnt lots of new skills.



# **Meet Our Current Interns**

#### Alex

Areas of interest at the Marriott:

Kitchen Porter

House Keeping Porter

Leisure Club

Employment Goal: Not yet decided

Rotation 1 comment: *It feels like I've learnt a lot in the kitchen team but I want to learn more* 

in rotation 2.



#### Ansa

Areas of interest at the Marriott:

Kitchen

M Club Lounge House Keeping

Employment goal: Restaurant Assistant

Rotation 1 comment: I liked working in the canteen and lobby. Now I'm looking forward

to working with my new team.



#### Viren

Areas of interest at the Marriott:

Administration Leisure Club M Club Lounge

Employment goal: A job in IT

Rotation 1 comment: I was so nervous at the beginning but now I feel more confident and I look forward to coming into HR.



## Meet Our Current Interns

#### Elliott

Areas of interest at the Marriott:

Engineering

House Keeping Porter

Leisure Club

Employment Goal: To work as a Bus driver

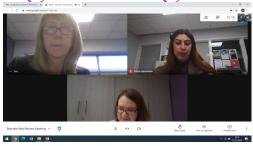
or in Engineering

Rotation 1 comment: Marriott has taught me to be more mature. The team I worked with in Engineering have been really supportive.



**Employment Planning Meetings** 

On Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December, we held online meetings with parents, Marriott staff and interns, to review rotation one placements. Interns prepared a presentation showing what they had learnt and hotel staff were invited to comment on progress. It was lovely to receive such good feedback from parents about the positive effects of our programme.



## **Congratulations to our Interns of the Month**

October - Brandon

November - Rachel





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### **Merry Christmas**





This year's first rotation is now completed and our interns have already begun making progress in both their work and personal skills. Interviews have been held with rotation 2 managers and interns return to the Marriott on Monday 4th January 2021, when they will continue building their skills in their second placements. Thank you to all Project SEARCH partners for their involvement and support. We finish for the Christmas break on Thursday 17th December and would like to wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!