

Dorset Workplace Experiences



Opportunity

At C3IA, we primarily provide a one-week work experience programme designed for GCSE and A Level students. However, we also offer longer placements suitable for university students or recent graduates. Work experience can take place at any time of year, we schedule it flexibly to suit the availability of the student.

We create a detailed timetable assigning time slots and sessions for staff from across the business to support the work experience student. While most sessions take place in person at our Head Office, some are virtual, allowing the student to engage with a broader section of the company.

The student's week is always varied, encompassing a range of talks and activities on many areas within cyber security such as social engineering, incident response, penetration testing, the NCSC's Cyber Essentials scheme, and exploring potential cyber security career paths. The student also completes a cyber security case study and a practical lab session. We welcome each student at the start of the week with a C3IA branded polo shirt, stationery and a laptop, which are returned upon completion of their work experience.

Impact

Supporting students through work experience brings us great pleasure and proves to be mutually rewarding for both our team at C3IA and the students involved.

We are passionate about closing the skills gap and encouraging a more diverse work environment, and we believe that work experience is one of the best places to start. GCSE and A Level students are at a crucial stage of their career development, and we are delighted to be able to nurture interest in the cyber security sector through these placements. We aim to demonstrate the breadth of the cyber industry, emphasising that there isn't just one entry pathway but rather many study and career options available for a student at the beginning of their journey.

At a Glance

C3IA Solutions

Poole

IT & Cyber Security

Block Placement

Top Tip

We would recommend creating a varied timetable where the students can get involved in all parts of the business and meet as many professionals as possible. We also aim to expose the students to real-life scenarios where possible, such as engaging with clients at different business levels. This provides first-hand experience of a typical day working within the cyber security sector.