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Career Ready
IT Programme

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What is the Career Ready IT programme?

The Career Ready IT programme offers an exciting opportunity to IT students at Northern Regional College.

Career Ready aims to provide young people (16–19 years) with a curriculum and guidance necessary to build rewarding careers and fulfilling lives. It does this by combining a rigorous industry validated curriculum for students with leading edge practice in education and business link activity, including paid summer internships with supporting IT companies and one-to-one business mentoring for each student.

Students are provided with business-led IT visits, seminars, masterclasses, practice interviews and curriculum vitae development.

Successful students will enrol in the Career Ready IT programme in November to experience an enhancement on their current BTEC level 3 Extended Diploma in IT.

Participating students (after selection) will be expected to undertake a six-week paid summer internship commencing the first week of July.

Students are assigned a Mentor (from industry) who will meet the student and support them throughout their study exposing them to different career paths and raising their aspirations.

Competition for places is stiff and students are selected by Northern Regional College on the basis of the application they submit and their commitment to work hard. There will also be an official Graduation from the Career Ready programme.
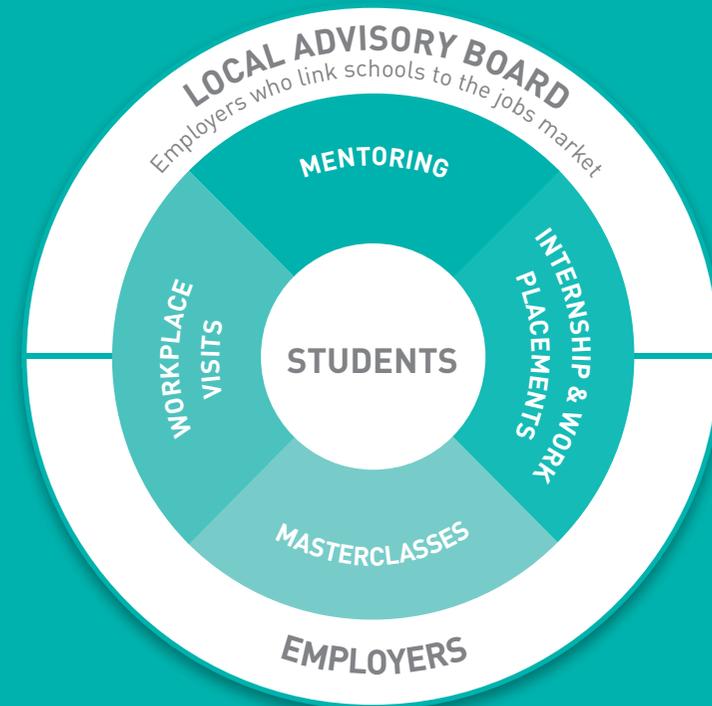
Enrolment costs for the Career Ready IT programme will be paid by Northern Regional College (£100 /student).

Students will achieve an additional BTEC Level 3 qualification in WorkSkills and will network with other Career Ready students from other colleges around the UK.

"During my time at Marketstall I learnt many new skills that has helped me develop my IT skills. Not only did I develop IT skills but also communication skills, team working skills, Ability to meet targets and many more. I feel that having worked in Marketstall it has given me a better glance as to what the working world and IT industry is like. I would definitely work in the IT sector after working in Marketstall as it is always changing and there are new challenges each and every day."

**Sam McIlwaine
(2nd year student)**

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75%
of Career Ready mentors experience professional development.

20%
of employer supporters have recruited at least one Career Ready Student.

80%
of employer supporters said they would hire a Career Ready student.