

Italy Work Experience Scheme Easter 2018

15 post 16 Students travelled to Italy to gain work experience in the hospitality and winter sports industries over Easter 2018. This project involved our students and staff spending two weeks abroad undertaking a range of jobs in hotels in and around the resort developing leadership, teamwork and language skills. The project was fully funded by the EU through the Erasmus+ scheme and allowed us to send Sixth Form students to Folgarida in Italy to gain vital work experience and hands on experience in the real world. The students involved in the project went through a rigorous application and interview process, before completing a program of Italian lessons and preparation activities before we travelled to Italy. Whilst on placement the students had an amazing experience, overcoming personal fears and learning to cope for an extended period of time away from home, while managing their work, time and emotions with the help of school staff for support.

As a result of the project, the students returned with new skills, improved skills, more confidence and improved vocational qualifications. All students have gone on to start the university application process and feel enriched as a result of the experience.