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I chose to take part in the Work Shadow Project because I want to improve my English and I think that speaking a lot is the best way to overcome your difficulties. I don't know what career I will undertake, but I'm sure English will be important in my future.

Of course I found difficulties in spoken English and in listening comprehension, but I overcame them by using my explanatory skills. I was quite satisfied with my own performance: my knowledge and my vocabulary made me able to perform particular tasks and to take part in discussions.

My host family was composed by four people: Marco (father) is an engineer and he is of Italian origin, but he doesn't speak our language; Venetia (mother) is a teacher and she was really kind; Natasha and Charlotte (daughters) are twins and they were friendly and lively. I was really happy with the accommodation and the way I was welcomed by my host family's members. When I arrived, I was embarrassed and excited, but they were ready to help me to adapt to a new culture.

During the morning, we had three hours of English lessons with three English teachers: Venetia, Jane and Will. The course helped me to improve my spoken English. I enjoyed the discussions and games we made at school: I found discussions useful because talking about particular topics made me able to perform particular tasks, I enjoyed the games we did during the lessons because they taught me not to worry when I speak: now I'll never give up saying anything! Furthermore, our teachers also explained us how to face the Work Shadow disclosing problems we could find in our placement.

In the afternoon, I had my work experience with two friends of mine, Andrea and Paolo, in one of the Association Conservative Party's offices: the Coach House. It is an old building placed in Worthy Park, where some people who belong to the party organise political activities involving Winchester nearness (electoral propaganda, events, etc.). I had two duties: I entered information about Winchester's inhabitant political views into a computer and I prepared a lot of envelopes containing letters written by the leader of the Association Conservative Party for conservatives who live neighbourhood of Winchester.

The Conservative Party belongs to the Right. It has a long history: its origin can be traced back to the late seventeenth century. It has always stood for social stability and the rights of property. The leader of the conservatives today is David Cameron; Anthony Handing is the association chairman and Janette Munro-Ford, my tutor, is the Constituency Organiser. People are recruited through news and policy. People can also easily hear the Conservative Party's leader speak, because he's the head of the opposition and he often speaks in TV programmes. People who are recruited can progress their career in politics: they could become members of parliament. They can join online, by telephone or going to one of the Conservative Party's offices. Joining consists in filling in an application form and paying twenty-five pounds.

This experience in England made me grow up: it helped me mature and be more independent. Furthermore, I reinforced my interpersonal relations. I would recommend the work experience to my friends: it is very interesting and a good investment for your future!