

WORK SHADOW 2008

PROJECT WORK

I chose to enrol for the work experience project for several reasons such as the opportunity to improve my linguistic skills and do a new experience of life. I have never seen England and so my greatest fears were how to be able to understand and talk with the family, but when I arrived and I talked with my family I managed to overcome them.

I still don't know what career I would like to undertake but I think I will go to the university to become an electronic engineer. I'm well-organized, hard working and a sporty type person. I like meeting new people, working with them but also on my own. In my work experience I worked in a bicycles shop. The customers are both young and quite old people. My activity was to assist dependents but also to work on bicycles. This is a great shop where dependents help completely everybody who wants to buy a new bicycle, clothes or accessories.

I couldn't always talk with my supervisor but I learnt some expression and words for example screwdriver, screw and handle. I enjoyed because I love bicycles and repair them so I knew what I did. In the morning we had lessons of 3 hours each day and this course helped me very much because I had to chance to learnt a lot of new words. Our teachers were able to make us talk in English and were very detailed in explaining what we were supposed to do. Our teacher Jane was very good: kind, competent and friendly.

What can I say about my English family?

The Satur were very nice, kind and sweet. Peter, that is the father, was sensible, kind and friendly. Jacqui, that is the mother, was nice and available. They had also three children, two twin boys, Harry and Joshua, and a girl, Amy.

About the English stereotypes life I can say that I had never seen a businessman wearing a bowler hat and having "the Times" under the arm because they are similar to us. I didn't like the weather because it was always cloudy and so completely different from to our climate a part from the days when we went to London and Oxford, it was very good. However my idea about English food doesn't change: the Italian food is the best in the world, so different from to the English one.

Our Italian tutors had organized the project in an excellent way and they were always available, helpful and kind with us.

I would recommend this work experience because it is a wonderful occasion to improve your English, to visit new places, to meet new people and know another way of life.