

## THEY'VE GOT A TICKET TO RIDE

Learners at PM Training took a trip to Liverpool to visit the sights and sounds of the city! Funded by Realise charity, the trip allowed learners to gain confidence travelling independently and helped them learn elements of British History including the slave trade.

“Many of the learners had never travelled anywhere by train, which was a great experience for them!”

The learners enjoyed a nice lunch at Eds Dine followed by some interesting and spooky facts about Liverpool during the past! The day was managed by staff members Terri Embury, Jake Rafferty-Ford and Artworks manager, Phil Brown.

“Realise charity have helped learners with confidence, train travel, and experience things they have never done before! We have been to some amazing trips thanks to Realise”. – Terri Embury, PSD Tutor

The learners even stopped for a picture opportunity with the famous Beatles sculptures, made by Andy Edwards who is part of PM Training's Artworks team.

PM Training host many PSD trips with learners. Previous trips have included **The World Skills Show** in Birmingham and visiting **The Old Bailey** in London.



## Open Days and Events

At the Canavan Centre, Atlas Works, Hanley

**Wednesday 7th August**  
4pm – 7pm

**Wednesday 28th August**  
4pm – 7pm

**Wednesday 18th September**  
4pm – 7pm

## Upcoming Holidays

**Summer Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 26th August

Monday 28th October -  
Friday 1st November

Monday 23rd December -  
Wednesday 1st January

## MAKING A SPLASH at Rudyard Lake

We partnered with Staffordshire Clubs for Young People (SCYP) for a spectacular activity-filled day at Rudyard Lake based in Leek.

**The day focused around tasks that were designed to build confidence and team work within the group.**

Learners got stuck into walking the plank, bell boat racing as well as building rafts and taking them out on the lake. Many of the learners were pushed out of their comfort zones and over came their fears, putting trust in and supporting each other.

The day also involved a tour of an old building on the grounds of the lake, learning about it's history and it's purpose many years ago. We even saw some beautiful carvings on some beech trees that dated back to World War 2.

Activities like these give our learners a chance to take a step back from everyday life, to build new friendships with people they wouldn't normally work with. All the hard work they are doing working towards their progression deserves some downtime like this to have some fun!





## LEARNER FOCUS

# MEET OUR HOMEWORKS TEAM

PM Training's Homeworks team go out every weekday to help tend residential and commercial gardens around the Stoke-on-Trent area. The team consist of PM Training groundwork staff and aspiring learners.

Spearheading this team, are Rachel Bennett and David Davenport. A day's work can consist of visiting up to 10 locations around the area ensuring the properties are in tip-top condition. Aspire Housing have over 9,000 properties across Staffordshire and Cheshire, many of the properties gardens require maintenance by the team.

After spending a day with the Homeworks team it's easy to see the hard work that goes into the job. An average day starts with an 8.30am start gathering all the learners together at PM Training to assign them with their supervisor for the day to then progress onto their jobs.

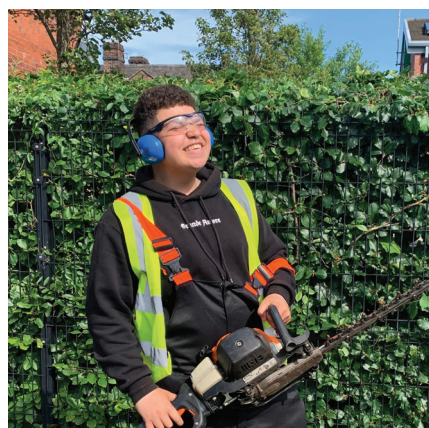
Once at their locations, the learners will then pick up skills on-the-job such as using hedge trimmers, lawn mowers, strimmers etc in a safe manner. David and Rachel spend time with each of the learners making sure that they have the correct safety equipment and knowledge of the area they are tending to.

After speaking to some of the learners in David and Rachel's team for the day, they were full of positivity for the programme and enjoyed going to different locations everyday.



### CAMERON CHETWYND, 17

'I like being hands-on, that's the best part about PM Training. I don't really fancy an office job, the days go fast doing groundwork and I would really like to stay in this trade. I am learning to drive soon that should really help to open up some career opportunities'



### ISA POKAWA, 18

'I love the banter that you get on the vans, the staff are so funny and make the day fun! I originally went to Burslem College and did plumbing, gas and electrics but I'm really glad I came to PM Training it's a completely different atmosphere'

## Gardening can be a great choice for young learners!

It can be a rewarding and well-paid job that can allow you to progress forward into self employment. For young people yearning to progress into a job working with their hands, this could be a great career route!

# WIN BIG with PM Training!

PM Training education has recently changed the way we reward our learners. Over the past few months, we have worked hard to show how much we appreciate a positive learning attitude and a focus on the classroom.

PM Training has been pushing the importance of English and Maths across the entire business but especially with our learners in and out of centre.

Our tutors work hard to promote a growth mindset which basically means that we promote a positive environment for learners that enables them to work at their own pace to a curriculum designed for their abilities. We promote an environment where learning is achievable regardless of backgrounds and previous experience.

To support this the education team have overhauled our rewards procedure. We run a weekly Maths and English based quiz that is open to our learners, and if successful in the quiz our learners have the opportunity to win great prizes like Alton Towers tickets, gift vouchers and meals out.

As well as these great prizes we also run an attendance reward scheme. If our in centre learners attend consecutive sessions over a four-week period and work hard they can have their reward card stamped each week and when they are full they can trade this for a paid day off.

## LATEST APPRENTICESHIP Vacancies

We have over 20 live vacancies on our website. You can sign up for weekly updates at -

[content.pmtraining.org.uk/apprenticeship-vacancy-alerts](https://content.pmtraining.org.uk/apprenticeship-vacancy-alerts)

Don't forget about our Career Boosters+ Monthly vacancy drop-ins where your child can access information on the latest apprenticeship vacancies, applications tips, requirements and ask any questions to our PSD & Employability team. This time can also be used for employability support with a specific vacancy.

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