



Crime stopping work experience

A fantastic opportunity for a young person to experience first hand the challenges and responsibilities of working for the **Leicestershire Constabulary** at a local policing unit has just been completed by a student from **Judgemeadow Community College**.

Mohammed Khonat has spent a week at **Spinney Hill Police Station** in December as part of his work experience programme at the college to develop his confidence and team working skills. **Mohammed said** "I am very hard working and will try to achieve the goals set by my placement the best way possible."

The officers at the unit work hard to support community cohesion and Mohammed got a real taste of life on the beat during his time with two very experienced **PCSO's, Ben Broad and Dave Smith**. Both the PCSO's took Mohammed around their patch and explained how important it was to maintain positive and supportive relationships with the public. The local population is drawn from many different countries, is very diverse and officers need to have understanding and knowledge to deal with the wide range of queries and problems. The role requires excellent communication skills and patience and good listening skills. **Mohammed said** "I was impressed that the officers took the time to speak to members of the public in the street and at their businesses.



Pictured above from left to right are: **PCSO's, Ben Broad and Dave Smith** in **Spinney Hill Park** out on patrol with **Mohammed**.

Police Sergeant Ben Gillard supervised Mohammed's placement and organised his week which included a variety of tasks and experiences working with a number of different officers in differing roles. His mentor, **Local Support Team Officer, Paul Gandy** remarked on his excellent attitude and enthusiasm during his placement week. Going to Hamilton Police station was exciting and Mohammed was able to see the workings of a large Police Station. During the week Mohammed helped in sorting out lost property and following up on paperwork as well as getting a good overview of the different roles within the unit.

Pictured below: **Police Sergeant Ben Gillard helps Mohammed with some of his placement tasks.**



Mohammed enjoyed his placement and felt that it was purposeful and interesting and as he is interested in pursuing a career in forensics, he now understands what he needs to do back at college to ensure he achieves his qualifications to follow his dream.

Placements for young people are always needed to help them develop the skills they need for work. If you can help shape tomorrow's workforce, provide a much needed work placement and make a real difference please contact Virginia Toon on 0116 240 7270 or by email virginia.toon@leics-ebc.org.uk .

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