



July was a month of mixed emotions as we said goodbye to some of our much-loved learners who finished their time with Eat That Frog. Many are now moving on to exciting new chapters—heading into work, College or Uni. We're so proud of everything they've achieved and can't wait to hear how they get on.

### Work Experience on the Rise!

We're thrilled to share some exciting news about our work experience figures—2025 is shaping up to be a record-breaking year!

So far, learners have completed 295 more hours of work experience compared to this time last year. Not only that, but the number of placements has also seen a big jump—96 this year, up from 62 in 2024. That's a 55% increase!

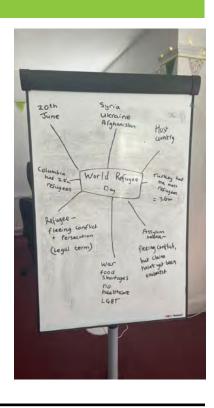
This brilliant progress is a credit to the success of our new curriculum and the fantastic support from our careers advisors.

"With great support from my tutor and Career Advisor I also managed to get a job which is amazing. I am very happy with where I am now from when I started, I really appreciate what ETF have done for me." - Post-16 Paignton Learner

#### **Learning Through Empathy**

This term, learners explored the importance of World Refugee Day. We looked at the legal differences between terms like asylum seeker and refugee, which sparked some thoughtful discussions. Learners were especially engaged in an activity exploring what people might take with them when fleeing conflict. After hearing some real-life stories, they reflected on what they would take—phones were a popular choice, along with sentimental items like jewellery and photos.

A big well done to SA, who helped create a detailed mind map and did some independent research into which countries host the most refugees. We were surprised to learn that Turkey currently hosts the highest number, with 3.2 million, mostly from Syria. MME also explored the topic online and looked at what we can do as a host country to support refugees.



## Sam's Hard Work Pays Off



During his third week of training at popular food supplier, Sam truly shone. He worked independently all day, followed instructions carefully, and showed real initiative by stepping up without being asked.

Sam stayed focused, engaged, and embraced every new task with a great attitude. His dedication and hard work clearly paid off—because we're thrilled to share that he's been offered a job there when he finishes college!

This is such exciting news, and a proud moment for everyone who's supported Sam on his journey. His commitment has been outstanding, and we couldn't be happier for him.

One staff member said: "I even cried when they offered him the job—it's the best news ever."

Well done, Sam! You've earned every bit of this.

#### **Driving Forward: Marcus Lands Internship**

We're absolutely thrilled to share some brilliant news—Marcus has successfully passed his interview with a local tyre company, and they are very keen for him to start his Supported Internship with them.

When asked how he felt, Marcus said, "I'm really excited!" It's clear he's looking forward to getting started, learning on the job, and building his skills in a real working environment.

This internship will give Marcus the chance to grow his confidence, gain hands-on experience, and work towards future employment. It's a brilliant match, and we're confident he'll do a fantastic job.

A huge well done to Marcus—your hard work and positive mindset have truly paid off. We're all rooting for you as you begin this exciting new chapter!



### Red Carpet Moments at Eat That Frog

Learners and staff came together to celebrate our wonderful leavers with a red carpet event full of pride, laughter and a few happy tears.

The celebration was a chance to showcase achievements, share stories, and hand out well-earned certificates. It was a special moment to reflect on how far our learners have come—and the difference Eat That Frog has made not just to them, but to their families too.

Tutors were there every step of the way, cheering learners on and celebrating their progress. Our teams go above and beyond to support families, making sure everyone feels heard and working together to do what's best for each learner.

It truly was a magical way to end the year. Well done to all our leavers—you'll be missed, and we can't wait to see what you do next!



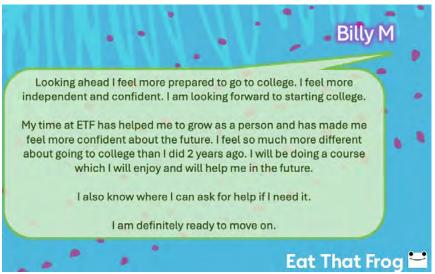






Thank you doesn't even come close! These last two years I know you've seen Emma grow in skills and confidence. We have too. Most significantly we have 'our Emma' back again. She believes in herself, for now and for the future. - Post-16 **Parent** 





I'm not sure I can say thank you enough. What you have all achieved in the last two years with Skye is phenomenal! Under you guidance she has gone from hating education to enjoying her days with you. She has found her pathway and continues to grow and learn every day! Thank you for being the cheerleader that Skye needed - Post-16 Parent

Thank you for helping me during my time at Eat That Frog.

I appreciate you more than you know. Keep being you! - Post-16 Learner



When first joining Eat that Frog I was terrified, coming from a school where I was bullied for years, where I was treated like I was just a nuisance for teachers to deal with. Coming to a centre where I'm treated like a person, like someone who deserves help was a shock.

Eat that frog has helped me find my footing in life, it's helped me gain confidence and learn skills that I once thought impossible. I'm able to travel via bus, speak to new people and engage in activities that used to make me shut down.

I have managed to complete my level one English, and level one maths, this would not have been possible without the amazing support of the Tutors at ETF, they showed me that I can do it

In all Eat That Frog has helped me become a better, healthier functioning person. I'm now ready to attend South Devon College next year. I'm no longer ashamed of my Autism or who I am as a person. Thank you for everything.

Billy H-B Eat That Frog To all of you beautiful team at Eat That Frog.

We cannot thank you enough for how amazing you all are. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts – **Post-16 Parent** 

### Flynn's Birdboxes Take Flight

Flynn has been working incredibly hard on his birdbox project—and it's been a huge success!

He chose to base the project at Mutley Baptist Church, where he's built a brilliant reputation. Staff and visitors often stop to say hello and have a chat with him, thanks to his friendly attitude and dedication.

Flynn has worked closely with tutors throughout, even teaching one of them a thing or two along the way! His focus and drive have been outstanding, and the quality of his work really shows.

Most of his birdboxes were snapped up before he'd even finished them, and he's now looking at holding a silent auction for the next one—watch this space!

It's been an absolute pleasure to support Flynn on this project. He's combined professionalism with fun and shown real pride in his work.

Well done, Flynn—you've truly nailed it!









#### A Star at St Barnabas

Over the last term, Emily has been a regular at the music bingo sessions at St Barnabas Court—and she's made a huge impact.

From helping residents with their bingo cards to stepping in as DJ and keeping the playlist running smoothly, Emily has thrown herself into every part of the sessions. She even collected favourite songs from residents to create a brand-new set list with updated bingo sheets for next year.

Emily's proactive attitude, positive energy and kind nature have made her a real favourite with everyone there. In her final week of the term, the residents surprised her with a box of

chocolates, a lovely card and some brilliant drawings to thank her for all her hard work.

As her tutor, it's been amazing to see how much Emily has grown in confidence. She's now thriving in all her sessions and continues to impress with her strong work ethic and warm approach. **We're so proud of you, Emily—bring on the next round of bingo!** 

# From Application to Success

After applying for several placements, Rosie has successfully secured a fantastic opportunity at a local Nursery, based at Plymouth.

She attended interviews and an induction, and has now started a summer placement—with the option to continue into the autumn term if she chooses. Rosie took the initiative to arrange the placement herself, working directly with the nursery manager, who is already very impressed with her progress.

Rosie is currently rotating through different age groups to find out where her strengths and preferences lie. She's being mentored by a qualified nursery practitioner and is thoroughly enjoying gaining hands-on experience in the childcare setting.

This is a brilliant step forward for Rosie, and we're so proud of her determination and independence in securing the role. **Well done, Rosie—you're doing amazing work!** 



# Programme Programme



Welcome to the final crew of the term!

The brilliant Alabare group headed out to Gran Canaria in July, marking the last adventure of our Turing Scheme for the year. And what a way to finish!

This group threw themselves into every challenge with full energy—whether it was exploring hidden corners of the island, trying new food, or soaking up every second of the sunshine. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and positive attitude made the two weeks fly by.

Across 19 amazing groups this year, we've seen learners grow in confidence, independence and ambition. It's been inspiring to watch so many young people push themselves, support each other, and come home with unforgettable memories.

A huge thank you to all the learners, tutors and staff who've made this year so special. And now... the Spanish team is taking a well-earned break before we do it all again next year. See you in September!

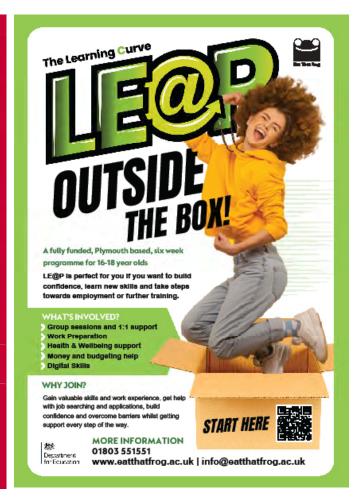














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AN APPOINTMENT

# Your Diary

28th July - 2nd Sept Summer Holidays

3rd Sept First Day of Term

> 27th - 31st Oct Half Term

10th - 14th Nov Employability week

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