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Placements

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Natalie (presenter): Presenter: If the Starting Out programme had been around when I was young, it would have been something I would've loved to get involved in straight away, because it's such a competitive world as it is, and I think having these programmes are only going to help young people to kind of fulfil dreams that they might have thought weren't possible.

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Matthew: My name's Matthew Drinkwater and I'm a Fast Forward intern within Sky Sports.

Kiera: I'm Kiera Boyce and I'm a Fast Forward intern in Sky Creative.

Yimika: Yimika Adewakun Marketing Placement scheme.

Tanzil: I'm Tanzil Khawaja. Fast Forward intern for Sky Production Services.

Matthew: Coming out of A level, I was always a bit unsure of what I wanted to do, I never really had a massive plan.

Kiera: Before I started at Sky, I was going to study English Literature at university.

Tanzil: I was looking forward to going to university, I even got my offers, and then I started looking into the Fast Forward scheme.

Yimika: I'm studying Psychology. In my second year of university, I wanted to do a Placement in Marketing. And I came across Sky.

Matthew: What's good about this internship is the fact that it's not just me working towards one specific thing, you're given that opportunity to see what suits you best.

Yimika: I thought I could learn a lot, and put what I know in Psychology into Marketing, and it looked like a good challenge.

Kiera: It's just a year out of your education, and I think it's definitely worth it because it flies by and you can learn so much in a year.

Tanzil: I get to cover over twenty different departments here in Production Services, all the admin jobs that cover production, like EPG, content handling, ingesting.

Matthew: I originally started off working in Football, just getting to know the area and how things work.

Kiera: Initially I started off rotating around the Creative department, and then I



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decided to stay in the Promos team which create all the adverts for the movie channels.

Yimika: I work in the Sky Sports Marketing department. We mainly work on the campaigns for flagship events. The uni placement programme is really targeted- you can spend the whole year in one department, so you really get to focus on what you are interested in.

Matthew: Tennis was probably one of my most enjoyable departments. I had a lot of time to really get to grips with my editorial skills, player features, highlights of each of the tournaments.

Kiera: I hoped that there would be an element of editing because that's kind of what I'm interested in, but I didn't realise I would be doing editing everyday really, so I love that.

Tanzil: I was given so many opportunities to be on set, lights, camera, sounds- it's just unbelievable.

Kiera: It's amazing to see my stuff on air.

Matthew: I remember running outside the building I was working in, dialling my Dad....

Kiera: Knowing that like ten million people have probably seen it at some point.

Matthew:...."Dad, Sky Sports 1, record it now! I've got to go!"

Kiera: It's just amazing really.

Matthew: You can see sort of how excited I was to see my own work going on TV.

Kiera: I can't wait to sort of put all of that stuff on my CV.

Tanzil: I've absolutely loved it here. For me, personally, I think hands-on it's the best way to learn.

Matthew: I definitely know now that this industry is where I want to be working and I would hope to do that at Sky.

Kiera: The Fast Forward scheme has definitely made me consider a Graduate scheme after university at Sky.

Yimika: I'd love to come back and definitely to the Sports team. I love my team.

Tanzil: These kind of schemes, they're just absolutely brilliant because they give young people a choice, they give us a stepping stone towards what we want to do in life.

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