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Ian from the Cedar School visited Red Ladder on a business placement in July 2008.

Red Ladder is a Theatre company.

Job Study - Theatre Director

What does your Job Role involve?

I am responsible for post production casting and rehearsing the cast. I work with set and costume designers and with the writer and lighting director. I also do sound management. It would be possible to move into the management side of the company but I would miss the buzz of directing.

What key skills are required for your role?

All of the skills involved in literacy, numeracy and ICT are important, as are working with others, problem solving and developing your own performance.

What qualifications, training and/or experience did you need to enter your job?

You don't always need qualifications but you do need a strong background in theatre/performing arts.

What are the working conditions of your job?

The hours are as long as is needed and I work indoors. In terms of health and safety issues - the theatre and backstage environment have many hazards and procedures. You need to be able to think quickly and make decisions.

What advice would you give to young people interested in entering this field?

I would advise giving it a go. Learn as much as you can from as many people you can but don't expect to become a millionaire!

Evaluation of the Business Placement

What knowledge about the organisation, its sector and its market place did you gain?

I gained a very good overview of setting up a production from the organisational point of view and found out just how many people are involved.

Do you feel that the placement was a success? Please give reasons

I spent a day there and I found it very useful
I was made very welcome and given the chance to help out. The experience gave me many ideas about how I might be able to use the information at school.

Could you suggest any improvements to the management of the business placement?

No. I was happy with the way that it was organised.

Be whatever you want to be