

# Experience of the Workplace Programme Tech Challenge Day



## AIM

To provide participants with a non-traditional, high-quality workplace experience that supports skill development and aligns with vocational pathways.



## OBJECTIVE

To equip participants with real-world insights into the digital and cyber sectors by engaging with SME tech organisations. Participants will have the opportunity to enhance their skills, boost employability, and foster career readiness while exploring potential vocational career pathways.



## WORKSHOP DELIVERY

This one-day workshop offers an immersive experience through project-based business challenges, targeted skill-building activities, and direct engagement with employers. The goal is to prepare students for future career opportunities in the technology sector.

Each group of students will be assigned a real-world business challenge provided by our network of Tech & Digital SME organisations. The challenges will be pre-set, ensuring participants can dedicate their time in the workshop to developing creative solutions and refining their ideas.

- Demonstrate creative problem-solving.
- Showcase their ability to work collaboratively in teams.
- Present their innovative ideas to real-world business representatives.

This collaborative approach benefits both students and SMEs, bridging the gap between education and the workplace while fostering a pipeline of future tech talent.

# Workshop Agenda

The schedule aligns closely with a typical school day. The students will be allocated into groups and their agenda will include:

## DAY 1

Time	Description
09:00 to 9:15	Arrival, Settling In
09:15 to 09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Code of Conduct</li><li>• Presentation Skills</li></ul>
09:45 to 10:30	Challenge Kick Off & Team Planning
10:30 to 10:45	BREAK
10:45 to 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solution Development</li><li>• Business Engagement</li></ul>
12:15 to 12:45	LUNCH
12:45 to 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refining Solutions</li><li>• Pitch Preparation</li></ul>
13:30 to 14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Team Presentations</li><li>• Feedback</li></ul>
14:15 to 14:45	Reflection & Wrap Up
14:45	Departure