

AUGUST 2021 ONLINE WORK EXPERIENCE EVALUATION REPORT SHARPE PRITCHARD

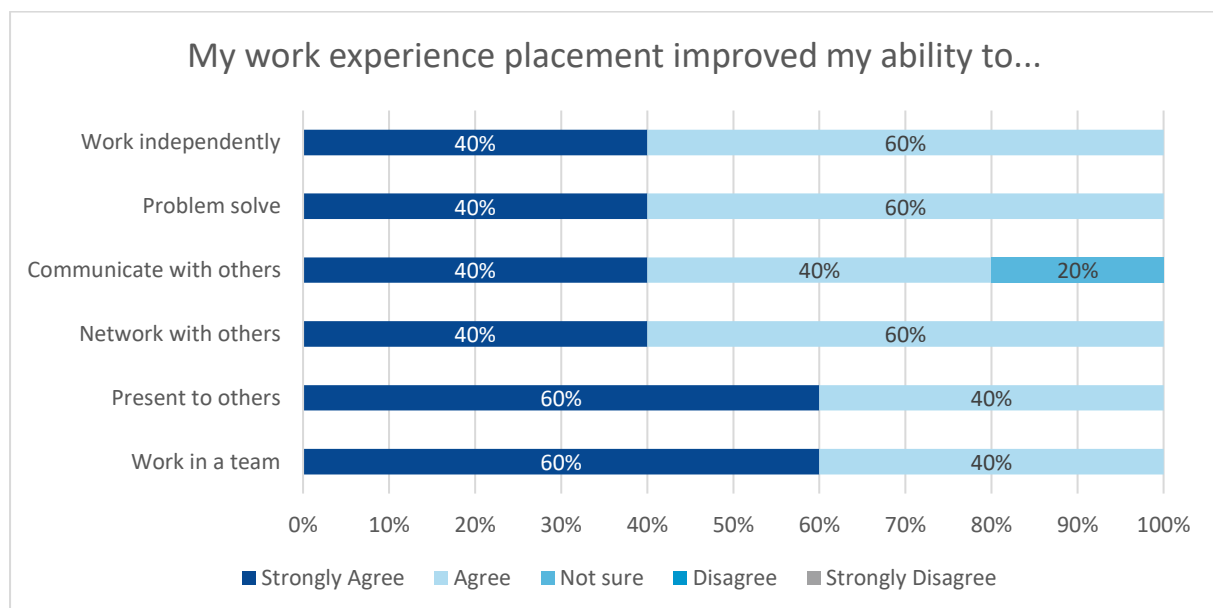
“I feel I was able to gain a unique insight into the type of work carried out by a lawyer which I was not aware of and would not have been able to see if I wasn't a part of this programme.”

We asked the students who took part in our online work placement week with Sharpe Pritchard this August about their experience. We asked students for specific feedback on the experience being digital and any barriers they felt they had towards participating.

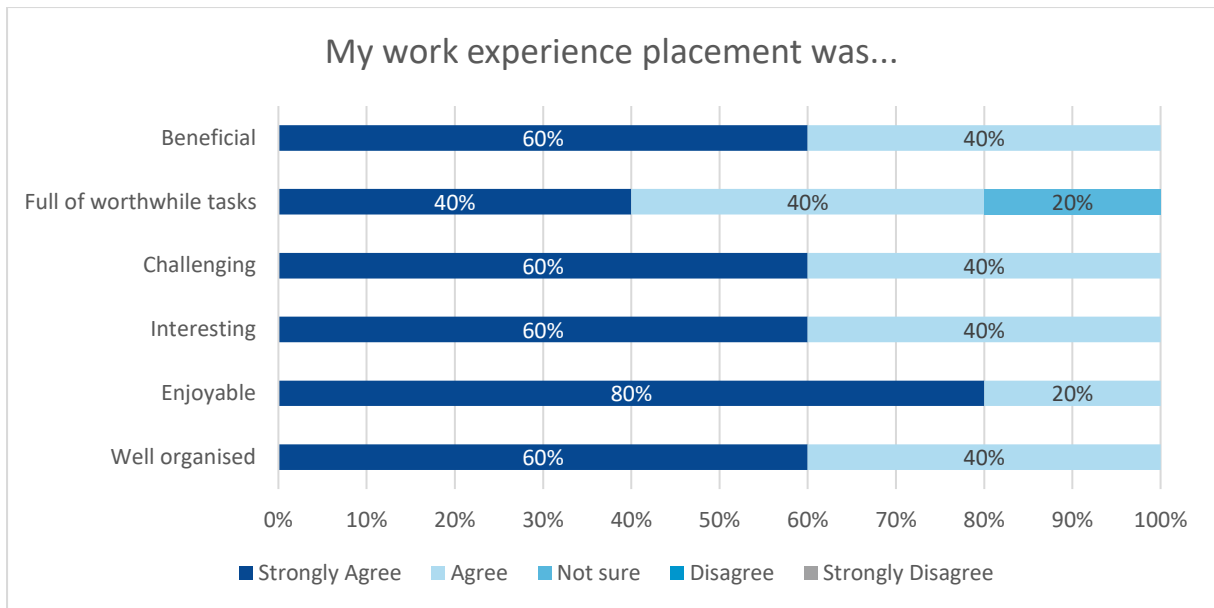
The results of the survey were strongly positive. They highlighted that students found the experience interesting and beneficial, whilst they were able to walk away with improved core skills.

Student experiences:

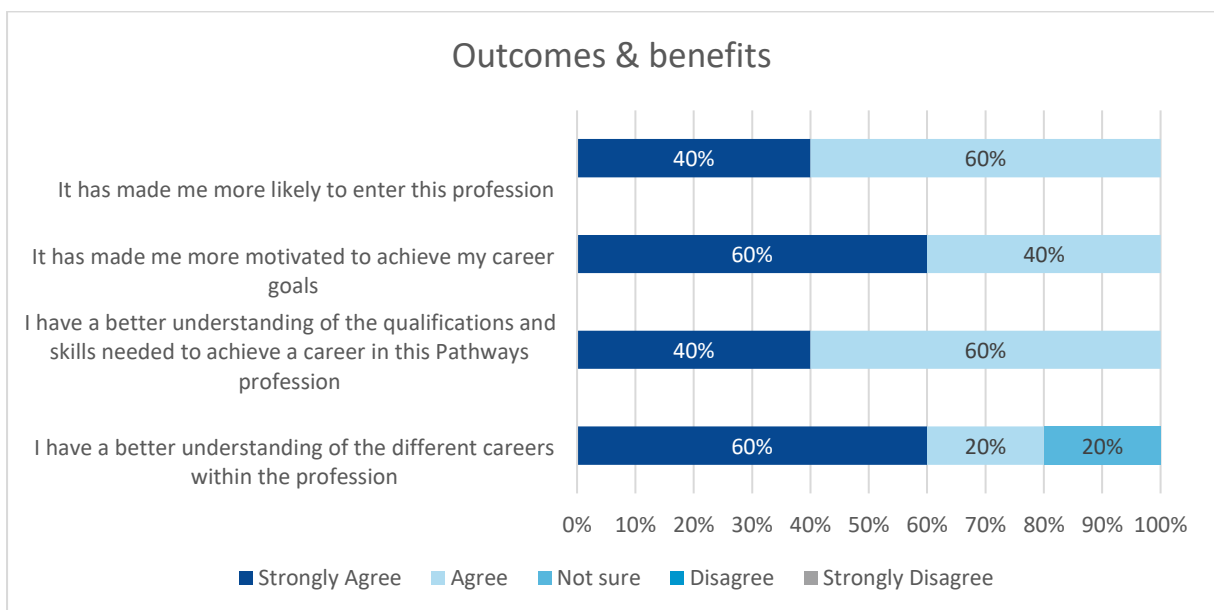
We asked students to rate their experience in several areas. Their anonymised responses are shown in the graphs below.



Students felt the experience was beneficial in developing their core employability skills. This particularly showed in their ability to present to others and working in a team. In addition, they felt that they developed in their ability to work alone and problem solve. In future, you could consider incorporating more activities where students are required to communicate with a variety of different people to develop those skills even further.



Students reported that the experience was very enjoyable, as well as being well organised and beneficial. In addition, students found the week challenging and it allowed them to develop key professional skills.



Following the experience, students felt more motivated to achieve their career goals as well as being more likely to enter the legal sector. They also felt that they had a better understanding of the steps needed to achieve those goals. In future, there is room for focusing in more detail on what the different careers in law may look like.

Student feedback on digital format:

We also asked students specific qualitative questions about their experience doing a digital placement and a summary of their comments and insights is below.

What activities do you think worked well for your digital placement?

- The file work – this gave students the time to go through work like a lawyer but at their own pace with all the guidance they needed
- The online presentation

What activities do you think did not work so well for your digital placement?

- N/A – the only issues were there were some technical difficulties

THANK YOU!

Our move to online programme activity has been a huge success thanks to your hard work! We hope that you have found this feedback useful. We highly value your ongoing support and look forward to continuing our partnership.

If you require any further information about this report, or about our Pathways programmes more generally, please do not hesitate to contact Gemma at gemma.collins@suttontrust.com.