

LIFT Youth Project - Information for Parents

Dear Parents

The school aims to ensure that as many of its pupils as possible find an apprenticeship. For various reasons, finding an apprenticeship is not always an easy task for some young people. LIFT assists them in their search.

Should you and your child decide to participate in LIFT, the following information is relevant:

- Once a week, for approximately 3 hours of their own time, the young people carry out simple and practical tasks at a business or company. In school, the young people are prepared for their work with LIFT lessons (courses in modules) and are mentored throughout the process
- The company pays an hourly wage of around FR 5,00
- Pupils stay at the same company for 3 months. Ideally, they will spend at least 9 months carrying out the same task(s) once a week.
- At the end of the work experience, pupils receive a job reference from the company and a LIFT certificate at the end of the programme.
- Those who participate in LIFT do not miss any of their school lessons.

At their workplace, they get to know their abilities and interests, as well as the requirements and rules of the working world. Their personality is strengthened through the modular classes and they experience what is required from them in the professional world while interacting with adults.

Participating in LIFT demands discipline and perseverance from your son or daughter. Thereafter his/her chances of finding an apprenticeship will be significantly higher.

In order to achieve this, your active parental support and guidance is important.

You are also responsible that your son/daughter:

- Attends the modular classes on a regular basis
- Arrives at his/her workplace at the specified times
- Excuses him/herself in advance if unable to go to his/her workplace

You can support your child by:

- Encouraging him/her, even if the task may not always be enjoyable, so that he/she works with discipline and determination
- Showing interest in his/her workplace and asking him/her about what he/she is experiencing
- Showing interest in what your son/daughter does and in the company, for instance, by paying a visit to his/her workplace (previously announced).

In order for your son/daughter to successfully complete his/her apprenticeship and to graduate from the vocational school, it is also important that he/she is fully committed to his/her schoolwork

The success with LIFT depends on the effort and perseverance of the young people and on the good cooperation between parents, the school and the company. We look forward to collaborating with you!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Warm regards,