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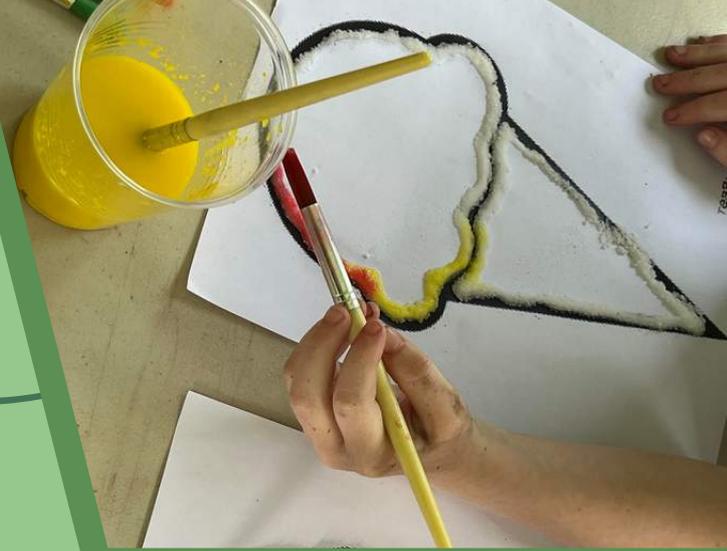
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TECHFEST

BY KARINA

TECHFEST

ABOUT US



TECHFEST IS AN ORGANISATION MADE UP OF TEAMS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE A PASSION AND DEDICATION TO WHAT TECHFEST DOES. TECHFEST HAS A MISSION TO PROMOTE STEM- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NORTH EAST BUT ALSO ALL ACROSS SCOTLAND.

TECHFEST WANTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON AS MUCH PEOPLE AS POSSIBLY AND THEY WORK CLOSE WITH SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES , COLLEGES AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP PROMOTE THE AMAZING ASPECTS OF STEM OUTREACH, THROUGH TECHFEST'S PROJECT-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, TECHFEST AIMS TO TO HIGHLIGHT THE DIVERSITY OF STEM AND MAKE STEM ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY.

TECHFEST LIKES TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT THE SKILLS THEY ARE LEARNING AND DEMONSTRATING AT TECHFEST CAN OPEN SO MANY DOORS FOR THEM AND PUT THEM ON A PATHWAY TO SO MANY DIFFERENT CAREER CHOICES. STEM IS EVERY WHERE, AND WE WANT EVERY PERSON TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THEIR INTERESTS AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

SO OFTEN TECHFEST WORKS WITH KIDS WHO THINK THAT GETTING A CAREER OR A DEGREE IN A STEM SUBJECT IS SOMETHING THAT MIGHT NOT BE OBTAINABLE FOR THEM. TECHFESTS HERE TO TELL EVERYONE THAT IF YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT SOMETHING AND YOU'RE WILLING TO PUT IN THE WORK AND EFFORT THEN THIS IS ABSOLUTELY A GOAL THAT ANYBODY CAN ACHIEVE AND TECHFEST WILL BE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!



MEET THE MENTORS



GET TO KNOW OUR AMAZING MENTORS!



YASHKA

STEM leader



EVE

STEM project &
Event
coordinator



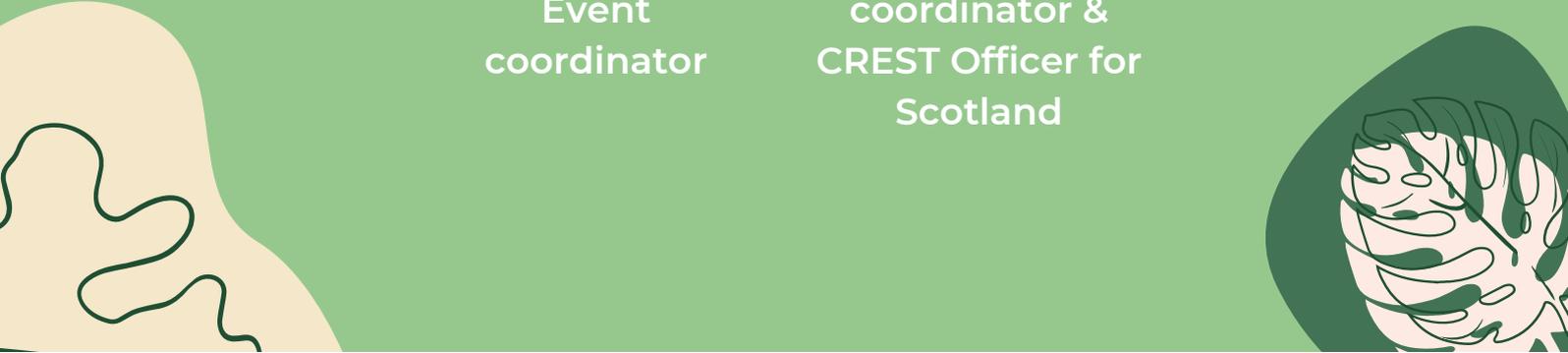
KIRSTY

Project
coordinator &
CREST Officer for
Scotland



GABI

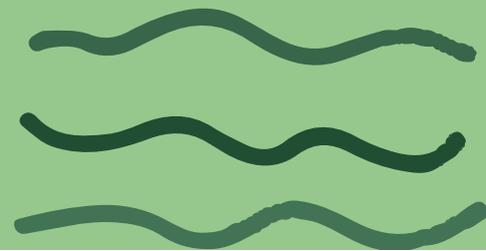
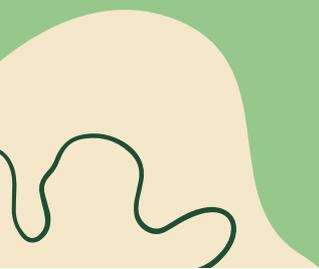
STEM leader





MEET MY 2 MENTORS

AT THE START OF CAREER READY I ONLY HAD ONE MENTOR, YASHKA. AFTER OUR INITIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNS AND MENTORS AT PJ LIVE WE GOT TO KNOW EACHOTHER, WHAT YASHKA DID, AND JUST GETTING TO KNOW EACHOTHER. WE EXCHANGED CONTACTS AND AFTER WE PLANNED MEETINGS TO CATCH UP AND DISGUSS WHAT I WANT TO IMPROVE AND ACHIVE AT THE END OF THE INTERNSHIP AND PROGRAM. THEN CLOSER TO THE INTERNSHIP I WAS TOLD ANOTHER PERSON WHO JOINED TECHFEST WAS KEEN ON DOING THE PROGRAM AND THATS HOW I GOT MATCHED WITH EVE ALSO. ME AND EVE ARRANGED AN ONLINE MEETING TO GET TO KNOW EACHOTHER BEFORE THE INTERNSHIP AND JUST WAS A TALK ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT IN AN NTERVEIW AND THINGS LIKE THAT.



MEET THE INTERNS

GET TO KNOW OUR FANTASTIC INTERNS!



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Welcome

IM KARINA MORAVSKA

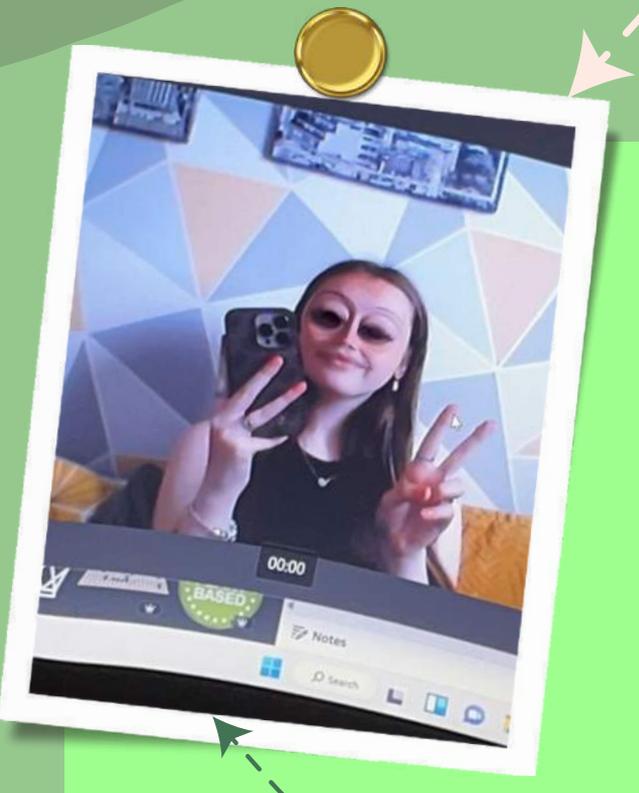
Im a 6th year student at St Machar Academy Participating in the Career Ready Program! When i leave school I want to go to University, Im deciding between 3 choices my first main one is Architecture the its interior design or photography.



So....

LETS BREAK THE ICE

The first time I heard about Career Ready was when my guidance teacher was talking about who wants to be involved in the program. The part that got me invested was getting a mentor which could help you learn how to do for example university applications but also getting a chance to work in the same workplace as my mentor.



FIRST DAY WORKING FROM HOME

WITH TECHFEST I WILL BE DOING A 4 WEEK INTERNSHIP WORKING 4 DAYS A WEEK! ILL BE DOING THINGS LIKE GOING AND HELPING OUT AT FESTIVALS, DOING PROJECTS, WORKING FROM HOME ONE DAY A WEEK AND MANY MORE FUN STUFF!



MY FIRST *day at techfest*

INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPANY



Meeting the team

Since before the internship I have worked with most of the team during their festival week at RGU it was nice to see them again and I got to meet my other Interns too!



Getting assigned project

On the first day we got to know each other better and got to know what our task was for week 1. we got given a project to work on which was the STEM advent calendar event.



getting started

Before we got to work we got to meet some of the staff and also got a tour of the office and some of the campus around us. We were also provided with laptops which was for working at the office but also for work from home virtual days.



MY FIRST *day at techfest*

INDUCTION DAY

We arrived at the office at 9 am for our first day of the internship, we got to meet Kirsty and some other staff members in on that day too. Kirsty gave us a run down of what we would be doing that week and we had to do some paper work. We then got to setting up our laptops and accounts and getting familiar with them as thats what we will be using throughout our intern ship. Kirsty then took us on a tour of the office and the campus showing us some hidden gems like the gardens where we can have our lunch at and some cafes. When we came back from the tour and Explored the office and the space that's when the real work started. we got giving a project of creating a STEM advent calanders aimed at primary schools to do leading up to christmas.



Week one at TECHFEST

GETTING OUR TASKS

ON OUR SECOND DAY WE OFFICIALLY STARTED OUR WORK ON THE PROJECT. WHEN WE FIRST STARTED IT WAS A BIT DAUNTING, AS WE HAD NO EXPERIENCE ON HOW TO DO IT. WE LOOKED AT THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR HANDBOOK AND WE WENT FROM THERE SPLITTING UP THE TASKS BASED ON OUR INTERESTS, FOR EXAMPLE SINCE KENZIES INTEREST IS PHOTOGRAPHY SHE WAS GIVING TASKS RELATED TO LIKE TAKEN PHOTOS AND VIDEOS FOR OUR PROJECT ECT. THEN WE STARTED MAKING OUR OWN ACTIVITIES LIKE 3D ORNAMENTS OR CLAY CANDLE HOLDERS. EACH DOING OUR PART TO THE PROJECT ALLOWED US TO WORK ON THE TASK VERY SMOOTHLY AND ACCURATLY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE CALENDAR HANDBOOK. IT WAS REALLY ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM COMING UP WITH IDEAS AND CREATEING OUR PROJECT TOGETHER.



Week Two at TECHFEST

GETTING SETTLED

BY OUR SECOND WEEK WE GOT USED TO OUR WORK ENVIRONMENT AND SCHEDULE. ON THIS WEEK WE HAD A LOT OF FUN EVENTS HAPPEN LIKE ON MONDAY IT WAS MARTYNA'S BIRTHDAY SO I MADE SOME GOOFY PARTY HATS AND WENT DOWN TO A BAKERY TO GET SOME CAKE FOR LUNCH.

THEN ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WE WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME WORK AWAY FROM OUR DESKS. ME AND MARTYNA ATTENDED OUR OUTREACH EVENT OUT IN ADEN COUNTRY PARK IN MINTLAW. TO OUR BAD LUCK, THOSE 2 DAYS CAME WITH POURING RAIN, BUT THE RAIN DID NOT RUIN THE ENJOYABLE DAY FOR US. THERE WERE MANY GREAT ACTIVITIES AND ME AND MARTYNA HELPED DO THE WATER CYCLE IN A BAG, SALT PAINTINGS AND DIY WINDMILLS THAT DAY WHICH WAS GREAT FUN! THIS OPPORTUNITY ALLOWED ME TO FURTHER DEVELOP MY SKILLS AND BETTER THEM. THINGS SUCH AS THE CONFIDENCE TO TALK TO THE WIDER PUBLIC, (DELIVERING STEM-RELATED WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN) AND WORKING AS A TEAM TO DELIVER THESE WORKSHOPS, WHICH HAS HELPED ME WORK TOWARDS MY GOALS FOR THE END OF THE INTERNSHIP!

ON THURSDAY WE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAG ALONG TO NESCOL WITH KIRSTY AND LYN, TO HELP FILM FOR THE STEM INTO INNOVATION VIDEO SERIES. THE EPISODE BEING FILMED WAS A CONVERSATION ON THE FUTURE OF INSTANT COMMUNICATION, AND HAD A VARIETY OF INTERESTING QUESTIONS AND ALSO SOME PHOTOS AND WORK OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS ON HOW THEY THINK FUTURE COMMUNICATION WILL LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE. DURING IT WE ALL GOT GIVEN ROLES, MY ROLE WAS TO HELP WITH LIGHTING BUT ALSO I TOOK BEHIND THE SCENES VIDEOS AND PHOTOS. THIS WAS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT TECHFEST DOES BEHIND THE SCENES AND WHAT HAPPENS DURING FILMING.



Week Three at TECHFEST

OUTREACH EVENT

ON WEDNESDAY WE GOT GIVEN ANOTHER GREAT OPPURTUNITY TO DO OUT IN DUTHIE PARK. THIS TIME THE WEATHER WASNT TOO DISAPPOINTING BUT STILL WAS A BIT CHILLY. THIS TIME IT WAS ME, KENZIE AND ERYN ATENDING AS VERY UNFOTUATLY MARTYA COULDNT ATTEND THAT DAY. THIS TIME WE HAD MANY FUN AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS TO DO. WE HAVE DIY WIND MILLS, DIY NUMBER BOND BIRDS, SALT PAINTING, DNA WORKSHEETS, BUG HUNTS AND NATURE CROWNS AND WATER CYCLE IN A BAG. THIS TIME I HELPED OUT MAKING THE DIY WINDMILLS (WHICH PERSONALLY IS MY FAVOURITE) AS ITS A GREAT ENGAGING TASK AND IS FIDLING PUTTING IT TOGETHER BUT I ENJOY IT AND WAS GREAT AT IT. I LOVED SEEING KIDS RUNNING AROUND WITH THEM AND A GREAT CRAFT TO TAKE ALONG WITH THEM HOME. THIS OPPORTUNITY ALLOWED ME TO FURTHER DEVELOP MY SKILLS AND GOT ME MORE CONFIDENT ENGAGING WITH THE PUBLIC AND I ENJOYED BEING A 'WALKING ADVERTISEMENT' WITH THE FLOWER CROWN AND BIRD AND WINDMILL AS PEOPLE WALKING PAST WERE SEEING THEM AND WANTING TO COME HAVE A NOSY. I ENJOYED THE CURIOSITY OF PEOPLE AS THEY ARE UNSURE TO COME UP OR NOT AND ME BEING VERY INVITING ASKING THEM IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A WIND MILL ECT HELPED ME GAIN CONFIDENCE BUT ALSO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC AND WORK ON MY SKILLS AND IM VERY EXITED FOR THE NEXTEVENT NEXT WEEK!



week four at TECHFEST



ON THE FINAL WEEK OF OUR INTERNSHIP ALOT OF FUN AND EXCITING THINGS HAPPENED. AT THE START OF THE WEEK IT WAS RELAXING AS ON A MONDAY WE WORKED FROM HOME WHICH WAS VERY RELAXING AND JUST HELPED SETTLE IN FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK!

ON TUESDAY WAS WHEN WE HAD TO PRESENT OUR PRESENTATION WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON TO ERICA. (CAREER READY PERSON). IM NOT TO FAUND OF PRESENTING BUT I WAS SO TIRED THAT I DIDNT FEEL NERVOUS JUST VERY CASUAL ABOUT IT. IT WAS FUN HEARING THE OTHER INTERNS PRESENT THEIR EXPERIECE AND I WAS HAPPY MY MENTOR YASHKA COULD JOIN AND KIRSTY AND ALSO GABI JOINING US VIRTUALLY. OVERALL THE EXPERIENCE WAS FUN AND HELPED ME DEVELOPE MY SKILLS TO BE CONFIDENT AND HELPED ME NOT WORRY TOO MUCH IF I MESS UP.



ON WEDNESDAY WE GOT ANOTHER OPPURTUNITIE TO DO THE DUTHIE PARK OUTREACH EVENT AGAIN. THIS TIME I WAS AGAIN JOINED BY KENZIE AND MARTYNA COULD JOIN US THIS TIME TOO. TO NOT KEEP REPEATING THE ACTIVITIES WE DECIDED TO ADD SOME NEW ACTIVITYS TO THE EVENT INCASE PEOPLE WHO CAME LAST WEEK CAME ALONG THIS WEEK. WE STILL HAD BUG HUNT, DIY WINDMILLS, NUMBERBOND BIRDS AND SALT PAINTING BUT WE ADDED SOME NEW EXCITING ACTIVITIES LIKE MORE WORK SHEETS AND SEED BOMBS! DELEVERING THESE WORKSHOPS HAS HELPED ME IMPROVE SO MUCH IN MYSELF AND HELPING ME MORE ALONG THE PATH TO BETTERMY SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE.



Week four at TECHFEST

NOW ITS THURSDAY, THE LAST DAY OF OUR INTERNSHIP. TODAY WE GOT TO DO ANOTHER FILMING SESSION AT NESCOL FOR THE STEM INTO INOVATION VIDEO SERIES. IT WAS REALLY FUN FILMING AND ALSO LEARNING ABOUT THE OLD TELEPHONES WHICH WERE ON SET. WE ALSO ORDERED SOME PIZZA AND ENJOYED OUR LAST FEW HOURS OF THE INTERNSHIP!



our project at TECHFEST

DOING THE 24 DAYS OF STEM ADVENT CALENDAR PROJECT HAS HELPED ME RELISE SO MANY VITAL AND IMPORTANT SKILLS WE NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER TO PROGRESS WITH OUR SELVES. THIS PROJECT DIDNT JUST TEST OUR SKILLS ON HOW WE WORK AS A TEAM AND HOW WE COMUNICAT, IT TESTED OUR CREATIVITY, TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS, RESILIENCE AND SO MUCH MORE AMAZING SKILLS YOU NEED FOR YOUR FUTURE. WE HAVE GOTTEN SO FAR WITH THIS PROJECT, WE NOT ONLY ENJOYED CREATING THE HAND BOOK IN 2 DAYS, FILMING THE VIDEOS TOGETHER, DOING THE ACTIVITIES TOGETHER WE GREW AS INDIVIDUALS AND WE ALL FORMED A FRIENDSHIP EVEN THOUGH WE AHVENT MET EACHOTHER BEFORE THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE VERY PROUND OF THE TIME WE SPENT WITH TECHFEST AND HOPE TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THEM AND HELP OUT ON MORE OUTREACH DAYS OR JUST HELP OUT IN GENERAL.

DATE	ACTIVITY	KIT	TIME TO COMPLETE
18/12/2023	Paint the Candy Ribbon	• Paint • Paintbrushes	30-45 minutes (Time can be extended)
19/12/2023	3D Ornament Decoration See back of booklet for steps	• Pink oil paint • Glue • Coloured paper in pencil • Shimmer glue • White card	60 minutes (Time can be extended)
20/12/2023	Christmas Crossword See back of booklet for list	• Print out crossword • Pencil	30 minutes (Time can be extended)
21/12/2023	UKED: CR: Snow Globes Click here to see video	• Small jar • Salt • Oil • Glue • Ink • Hot glue or superglue • White card	60-90 minutes (Time can be extended)
22/12/2023	UKED: Make Truffles Click here to see video	See recipe on the back of booklet	20 minutes preparation, 100 minutes total
23/12/2023	Christmas Joke	No kit required	



Festival week with TECHFEST



I WOULD ALSO HIGHLY RECOMEND TAKING PART IN TECHFEST FESTIVAL WEEK. IT WAS A VERY GREAT OPPURTUNITY TO GET WORK EXPERIENCE BUT ALSO MAKE NEW FRIENDS. WHEN KIRSTY DID THE INTERVEIW PROCESS AND THE TIME TO BE MATCHING PEOPLE TO THE JOB ROLES SHE DID AN EXCELENT JOB IN MATCH PEOPLE UP TO ONE ANOTHER. WHEN I DID THE FESTIVAL I WAS GIVING THE ROLE OF A DEMONSTRATOR FOR KNEX UNDER THE SEA WHICH WAS WITH SUB SEA 7. IT WAS ME AND ANOTHER GIRL MY AGE BY THE NAME OF KIRSTY. COME TO FIND OUT WHEN WE GOT TO KNOW EACHOTHER SHE ALSO WAS TAKING PART IN CAREER READY AND I GAINED SO MUCH NEW FRIEND WITH THIS EXPERIENCE. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMEND IT AS ITS NOT ONLY AN ENJOYABLE EVENT BUT GREAT IN DEVELOPING YOURSELF AND TAKING THE FIRST STEP IN THE WORK ENVIROMENT.



Overall,

IM SO HAPPY I TOOK PART IN THIS PROGRAM AND GOT THE OPPURTUNITY TO WORK WITH TECHFEST AND ALL OF THE TEAM. IT HAS GIVEN SO SO MANY BENIFITS AND CHANCES TO WORK AND MYSLEF AND HELP ME PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE WHICH I WAS AT FIRST DREDING.



TO ANYONE WHO WAS PUT OF BY BEING INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM FOR 2 YEARS OR JUST UNSURE IF THEY CAN DO IT, DO IT. THIS IS A MASSIVE PUSH IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND IF YOU MISS IT, YOU MISS IT. CHANCES LIKE THESE DONT COME OFTEN AND OUR FUTURE IS RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES AND IF WE ARE NOT GETTING PREPARED FOR IT THE FUTURE WIL SMACK US IN THE FACE AND MAY PUT YOU IN SHOCK AND YOU WILL FEEL NOT READY FOR IT.



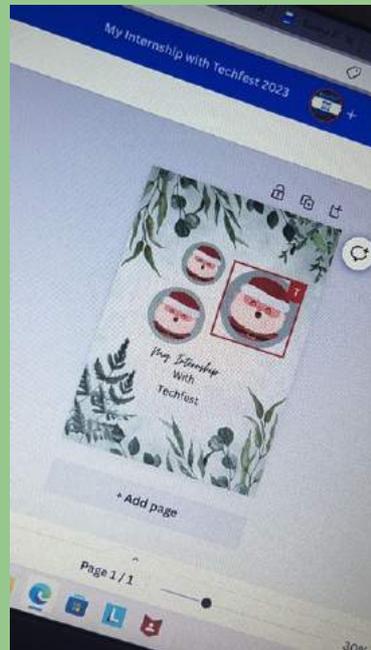
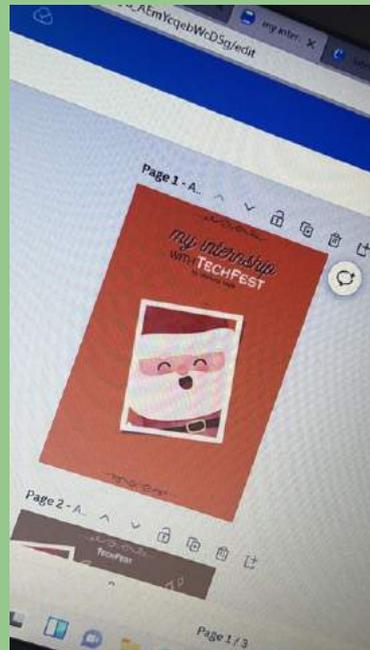
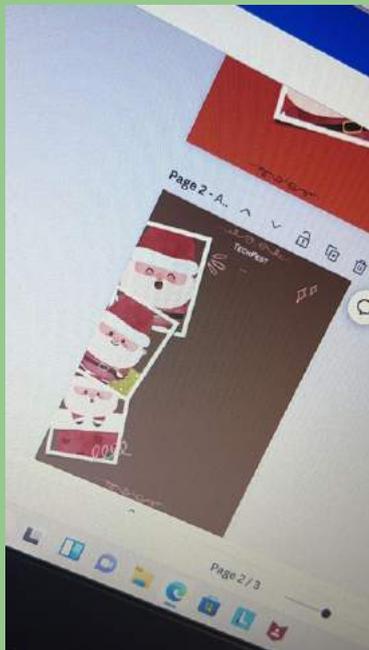
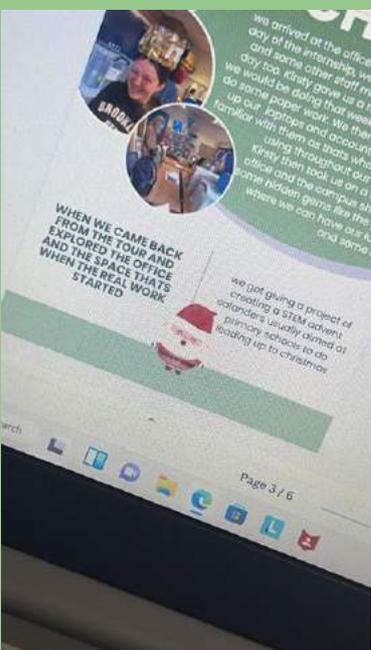
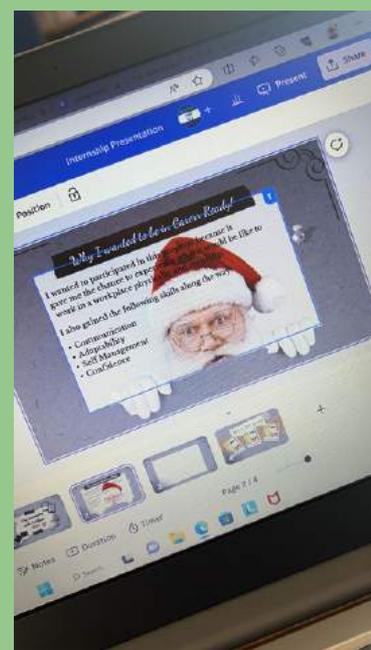
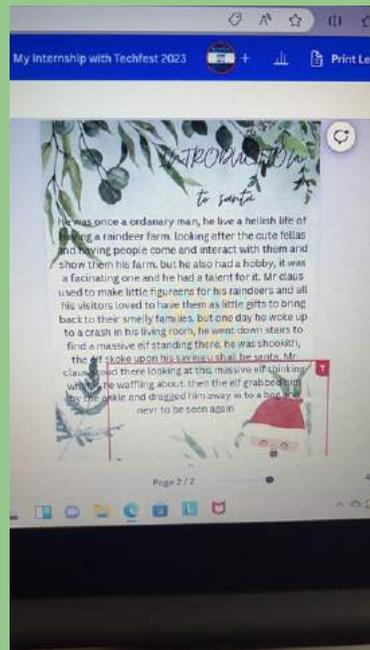
THIS PROGRAM HAS GIVEN ME SO MUCH FRIENDS AND SO MUCH FANTASTIC MEMORIES FOR ME TO LOOK BACK ON. DOING THIS PROGRAM AND WORKING WITH TECHFEST WAS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS I'VE MADE AND I HOPE THE SKILLS I LEARNED HERE WILL PUSH ME TREMENDOUSLY INTO MY FUTURE OF WORK. SO DON'T GIVE THIS OPPORTUNITY UP AND ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF IT!





MR SANTA

THIS PAGE IS SPECIALLY DEDICATED TO OUR SANTA WHO WAS A MASSIVE SUPPORT IN THIS INTERNSHIP AND GAVE UP LOTS OF MEMORIES AND LOTS OF LAUGHS AND FRUSTRATIONS :)))





THANK YOU
TECHFEST

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US AND MAKING
THIS EXPERIENCE AMAZING!