

ANNEX B Sample of Qualitative data from student survey, placements 2007/08

Ref/ PoS	Q22 Contribution of work experience to prof. dev.	Q23 Anticipated impact of w.e. on academic success	Q24 Made you more employable?	Q26 Influenced your thoughts about your future career?	Q27 Additional comments
7/5*	I feel a lot more confident in my skills and able to achieve anything I set my mind on, I now have a goal to work towards which will motivate me to do my best in my final year. I have matured a lot over the last year and become a lot more responsible, I appreciate the meaning of hard work and the rewards it brings.	I now realise all of the things I can achieve under pressure in a short period of time so I will work harder and be a lot more successful.	Professionalism, confidence, team work, communication skills, adaptability, stress and time management, prioritisation, motivation ... the list is endless!	The professional training year has opened my eyes to an industry I would not have even considered before so it was definitely a worthwhile experience because I enjoyed it so much and will now seriously consider it as a future career path.	The professional training experience was probably the most appealing thing about Surrey University and after the most amazing and worthwhile year, it has definitely lived up to my expectations. I am definitely more employable which offset that we are not one of 'the best' in my subject area.
9/5	Gained from the experience of working in London and also the general experience of working full time in a busy, high pressured workplace. I feel I have become more organised, confident, responsible and better at handling time pressure. I also feel I use my time more constructively since returning.	I feel the experience will help my academic success very much in a positive way due to being more used to hard work and after working for a very successful investment bank there is a big motivation to work hard so you can return there.	Communication, team working and computer skills in particular, I feel also I have a better telephone manner.	It has given me a great experience of working in an investment bank in London. It is very much a place I would like to work in after graduation. I don't however wish to work in the department I did in the future which was research. Mainly it has clarified that I would like to work in the city, just unsure where as yet.	I would like to say that I very much enjoyed the experience and would strongly recommend it to other students. I would also stress the importance of achieving a good first year grade to give yourself the best opportunity of getting the placements with the best companies.
10/5	Time-keeping skills, how to interact professionally, what the working world is really like. More mature, better organised.	Will be more organised and use my time more efficiently. Willing to work harder as am used to it.	Computer. Time keeping. Professionalism.	It has made things much clearer. I know that I would now like to do a job with more variety such as a trader or stockbroker.	It was definitely worth doing to help me develop more as an adult and handle responsibility.
11/5	Knowledge, maturity, confidence. I have become part of the system.	I have become more mature and focused.		Given me an insight into the world of finance but also into slightly alternative jobs within this sector.	My depart. was <u>very</u> helpful in assisting my search for a placement. However, my course was so heavily based on theory in year 1 & 2 that I had little knowledge of the real financial world when I started