**Project Timeline & Interactions with client:**

**Meetings:** We met with Simon on multiple occasions. Our first meeting was at NAB bank. The rest of our meetings took place in our classrooms that we had booked. In between meetings, we kept in close contact with Simon via email messages. In our meetings, we discussed a lot about the functionality of the app.

* **6th Jul (First Email)**

Connected with Simon Cooke from Encode Talent through Andrew Goh from Coder Academy. We exchanged initial emails and set up an appointment to meet and discuss the project.

* **9th Jul (First Meeting)**

This is when we first got to know Simon. It was in this meeting that he told us about his problem and asked us for a solution. We came up with a proposed solution and Simon liked it, and that's how we started off the project.

In this meeting, we made it clear to the client (Simon) that we were taking charge of the project deliverables, therefore the scope was determined by us as a project team. We also made clear what our proposed MVP (most viable product) would be and anything else outside this was a 'nice to have addition'. Simon was very respectful and appreciated that we offered the best possible solution. A key lesson learned from this meeting was that it is crucial, as a developer, that you are the one who proposes the best solution and also dictates the scope and pace of project, and always keep the client focused on the solution to the main problem, and not focus on extra 'nice to have' features

* **10th Jul (Refining Our Ideas)**

We began planning our development process and application structure

In this meeting we showed Simon our near-complete deployed version of our candidate form and he was really impressed. This was a big confidence booster for us because we were a little behind in our project timeline.

* **11th Jul (Second Meeting)**

In this meeting we discussed some of the content for the candidate form questionnaire, which determines the structure of our form. Simon requested additional features for the app and we discussed their implementation and continued refining our development priorities around them

* **12th Jul (Continued Planning)**

Simon provided a list of important criteriafor our implementation in our wireframe prototypes and we continued working on the app’s design and functionality implementation. He also requested an additional feature, the ability for candidates to upload their CVs to his database.

* **17th Jul (First Wireframe Completed)**

We completed our first functional wireframe prototypes and shared it with Simon for his feedback. Work begins on coding the app. We agreed to split tasks based on our weaknesses. Rashid and Mill wanted to practice and learn more about the backend, while Ashley and Maurice were keen to practice more front-end React work.

* **20th Jul (Feedback Received & Development Issues)**

We received great feedback on our initial wireframe and refined what we had based on Simon’s feedback. Development was significantly hindered when we encountered an issue with state management and propagating data from our lowest child components up to the main component’s state. However, the backend and database were working

* **23rd Jul (App Progress & Update from Simon)**

We managed to solve the major issues we were facing and progressed to completing the majority of our form and began work on the secondary front-end which allows Simon to access candidate data securely. Simon also provided us with the Privacy Policy & Welcome message for the Candidate Form.

* **24th Jul (Third Meeting & Working Prototype)**

We completed our first deployed prototype form and shared it with Simon for feedback. In our meeting we also showed him the progress we’d been making on the admin side of things where Simon can access the candidates’ data. He was impressed at the progress and look of the app, which had met all his functional requirements.

* **25th Jul (Encountering Major Barriers with Auth)**

While our app has been gaining traction overall, we’d been struggling to implement authentication and authorization to the admin’s side which is vital to protecting the candidates’ submitted data. We’d made significant progress implementing functionality with updating Candidates’ info and downloading CV, but yet to get over the hill in regards to protecting the candidate data side.

* **26th Jul (Last Day and Final Hurdles)**

While our app

**Experiences:** Simon is an incredibly goal-oriented individual and was a great collaborator, allowing us to input ideas creatively and build our product with a sense of direction and collaboration. Never once acknowledging that we were students, he gave us the confidence to build our project as developers and was supportive throughout our development cycle.

**Reactions:** We got a positive reaction out of Simon and had great vibes when we met with him. Things were always positive because we had set our expectations together right from the start of the project. Simon was always kept in the loop of project progress and he was also helpful in offering any help he possibly could.