

The Castle School World of Work Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest update from World of Work at the Castle School.

It has been another incredibly busy term, the highlight being our 4th annual World of Work celebration, held on Friday 9 March. This is an opportunity for us to thank everyone who participates in World of Work, and to celebrate the achievements of our students. The event was attended by Richard Benyon, MP, the mayor and mayoress of Newbury and the mayor of Thatcham, and by many of the wonderful organisations and employers who support our programme.

Guests were treated to a delicious buffet lunch prepared by our in-house catering business "Castle Catering and Hospitality". We also gave special thanks to three amazing local organisations who have provided exceptional support to our students over the past year: Little Quavers Music, Cobbs Farm Shop and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Richard Benyon introduced the awards, speaking about how the World of Work programme has developed over the last four years, and encouraging people to spread the word to other organisations. The event was a great success and we have received many positive comments from those who attended.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the new employers who recently joined World of Work. Alisha has started a placement at Willow & Blooms Florist, where she has been helping with the weekly stock intake and preparing pots and containers.

Justin has started work experience at Intermail (GFS) in their warehouse. He has been shadowing other staff members and learning how to use their scanning system to locate and pack items.



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We recently held a very informative classroom session, run by Helen and Jamie from Reed Employment. They spoke to our students about the role of a recruitment agency and what kinds of skills and qualities employers are looking for. We discussed what makes a good and bad CV, and tried out some mock interviews - preparing students' responses to some common interview questions.

One of the key elements to successful work experience is flexibility, both in terms of our approach and in enabling a work placement to evolve and change. Thank you to those organisations who continue to work with us flexibly, such as: Sainsbury's who take on a number of students of varying abilities and experience, Waitrose for providing a first taste of work experience to many students, and Ugly Duckling and Timpsons who have supported changes such as new tasks or increased working hours.



The Castle School breaks up for Easter on Thursday 29 March, returning on Monday 16 April. There will be no work experience during the holidays



THANK YOU to everyone involved in our work experience programme



We are continually looking for new organisations to participate in our World of Work Programme through educational visits to local businesses, guest speakers and further work experience opportunities.

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