

# The Castle School World of Work Newsletter

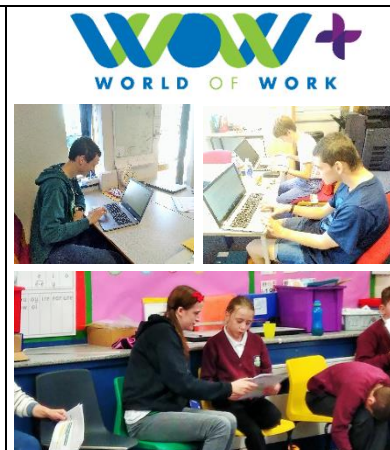


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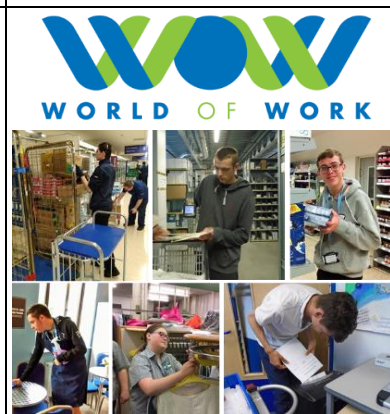
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As of Friday 4 September, we are delighted to report that the Castle School is now fully open for all students. Following the past few strange and difficult months it is wonderful to have everyone back and for things to feel more "normal". Some things are inevitably different: We have stringent procedures in place to keep different groups apart and reduce the risk of infection, and we are operating in self-contained "bubbles" of staff and students across our sites. From a World of Work perspective, we are starting to re-focus on work experience and the team are working closely with school management and the wider business community to ensure we can return to the workplace in a way that is safe and positive for all involved. We have greatly missed working with the wonderful organisations who support our programme and hope we can do so again very soon.

This term we welcome a new cohort of students on to our WOW+ course. This is a specific programme focusing on employment, with a particular emphasis on learning skills in the workplace. Prior to being accepted on the course, WOW+ applicants participated in a selection day, which included skills tests and one-to-one interviews. Currently the students are undertaking classroom-based coaching and training, with a view to starting work placements as soon as possible. This includes gaining online certification in Covid-19 and infection control procedures. We are also delighted to announce that following her internship, one of the WOW+ students from our previous cohort has now started as an apprentice Support Assistant at the Castle School.



For our other students, we are also very keen restart work experience as soon as possible. This experience is of vital importance to our young people; helping them grow independence and confidence, widen their skill set and enable them to make informed decisions about their futures. We are very aware that these are uncertain times, and that businesses are working hard to follow Covid-19 protocols to keep everyone safe. To help enable our return to work experience, we are running class-based Covid-19 training to ensure students fully understand safety procedures and requirements. We would welcome the opportunity to talk to businesses about how we can work with you, and discuss any concerns.



**Thank you to the wonderful organisations who support us, we hope to see you soon**



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