



The Castle School



Christmas Newsletter

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The World of Work team would like to wish a Happy Christmas to the wonderful employers in our area. As we come to the end of this strange year, we are thinking about you all, particularly those who have experienced difficult and challenging times. Like everyone, we hope that in 2021 we will see things settle down, and we are very much looking forward to being in our community, working with many of you again. At school, despite the differences and challenges we face, it has been a busy, varied and enjoyable term. Within World of Work we have maintained focus on preparing for employment, through CV writing, skills development and vocational qualifications. We have also been very fortunate to have continued access to work experience for a small number of students.

Once again, Happy Christmas to all, and we hope to see many of you in the New Year.

The key focus for students on our WOW+ course is employment, and we are delighted that three of them have been able to return to work experience this term at Tesco, West Berkshire Council and IJ Fencing. We hope that in the coming months they will be able to spend a lot more time in the workplace. Back at school the group have been running enterprises; washing cars and making and selling bath bombs, and have gained online qualifications including First Aid, Infection Control and Food Safety. The students have also been brushing up on their map reading skills and using public transport.



Work experience remains a key focus for World of Work, and we are delighted that a number of students have been able to continue to access work placements despite the pandemic (This is only in place following a full risk assessment, and when we are not in lockdown). In line with health and safety guidelines, students have mainly been able to participate in outdoor work, or have been able to take forward previous placements where they were well established and were confident in following Covid-19 and infection control protocols.

Many thanks to West Berkshire Council, Tesco, IJ Fencing and Shelley Rayner Garden Care & Development for their support.



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



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