

World of Work at the Castle School

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THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING YEAR

It seems unbelievable that this is the last WOW newsletter of the academic year. It seems to have flown by, and what a year it has been. We have had lots of amazing work placements, we've worked with a number of new employers, there have been some great one-offs - workplace tours, workshops and classroom visits and a multitude of wonderful moments, where our students have pushed their boundaries, tried something different or met a personal goal. None of this would be possible without the amazing businesses and organisations who work with us, and to you we say a heartfelt thank you. The culmination of our year was the WOW celebration, held on the 3 July, which is our opportunity to thank everyone who works with us in person. Thank you to everyone who came along, we hope you enjoyed it and that you are as proud as we are of our students and what you have helped them to achieve. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you in September.



WORLD OF WORK CELEBRATION

This annual celebration is the highlight of our year, not only because it allows us to thank the wonderful people who support World of Work, but because it enables us to showcase what our students have been doing and celebrate their achievements. This year, in addition to our partner organisations, we were joined by Cllr Jo Day, Mayor of Newbury and Cllr Stephanie Steevenson, Chairman of West Berkshire Council. Events kicked off with refreshments prepared by our students, including delicious scones, Rocky Road and savoury pastries. The presentations featured a video of some former students, who now have paid employment, which gave a moving insight into the impact that having a job has had on their lives. We presented awards to Greenham Control Tower Café, PromoTrade, City Arts and Everyone Active (Northcroft Leisure Centre) in recognition of their exceptional support for the programme, plus an "Outstanding Contribution" award was also presented to Donnington & Co for their long-time partnership with the school. We would like to congratulate everyone who received an award and to thank everyone who attended.



DONNINGTON & CO

One of our Post-16 classes spent a fantastic half-day at Donnington & Co, learning about the business and participating in a pizza making workshop. The students were given a tour of the hotel, including the restaurant, hotel rooms and spa and were given a great insight into working in hospitality. Afterwards, they were taken to the Post Barn in golf buggies, for a masterclass in preparing their own pizzas, which they then got to enjoy for lunch. Thank you to Donnington & Co for organising such a fabulous day.

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GREENHAM CONTROL TOWER

Our latest student to start at Greenham Control Tower makes a total of three who have been supported in work placements here this year.

This work experience gives students a great insight into cafe work, within a really supportive team. They work back of house, assisting with washing up, clearing tables and unpacking deliveries. For students who wish, there is also the chance to serve customers. Our latest student is really enjoying his time there.

PROMOTRADE ICE CREAMS

Huge thanks to PromoTrade, one of our current World of Work partners. In order to celebrate the end of term and give everyone a treat, they visited Post-16 with an ice cream van. Students and staff enjoyed this very much. Many thanks to PromoTrade for all the support they have given us this year, including a fantastic workplace visit and creating a "Castle Cup" as part of their product line, to help raise money for the school.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT TERMS

Supported internships are a great route into employment for young people with SEND. They are structured, work-based study programmes for 16- to 24-year-olds with an EHCP (Education, health and care plan), centred around a substantial work placement and supported by a job coach. Supported Internships last from 6 months to 1 year and are unpaid, with the aim to transition to paid employment within the organisation as soon as the intern is ready. Alongside the work placement, supported interns complete a personalised study programme delivered by the school or college.

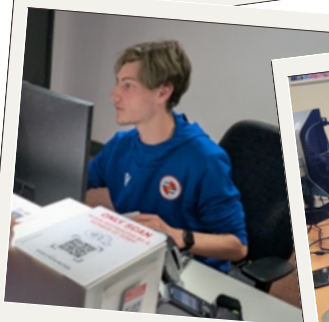
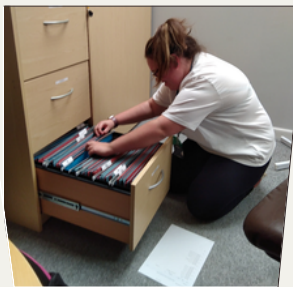
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The Castle School breaks up on Tuesday 21 July, returning Friday 4 September.

There will be no work experience during this period. We will be in touch when we return in the new school year



WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR - THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS INVOLVED IN WORLD OF WORK
WITHOUT YOU, NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE



TO SEE THE IMPACT OF WORK EXPERIENCE, PLEASE WATCH
OUR STUDENT VIDEOS IN THE WORK EXPERIENCE SECTION

AT: www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk



GET INVOLVED

There are many different ways to be involved in the World of Work programme, and we are always delighted to hear from new organisations and to look at new ideas.

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