

Fantastic week of work experience for year 10 students

From 4th – 8th February 279 year 10 students were out of school for the week as they embraced the opportunity of work experience. This is the highest number of students taking up the opportunity for some years. Many of the students were placed locally but some students travelled as far as Haywards Heath, Kent, Suffolk and London. All students were encouraged to find a placement in a work sector of interest to them which led to them working across a wide range of work environments including Retail, Construction, Law, Education, Architecture, Leisure, Healthcare and Civil Service.



Huge congratulations to those students who took part, they were a credit to the school and many have gained new skills as well as valuable insights into their chosen field. The experience often plays an important role in helping them establish which elements of work they might enjoy to help them shape their future paths. Cameron Rix who worked at IQM Software said 'I think the experience was useful because it has provided me with knowledge on the world of work and what it's like to work alongside other people.' It also helps students get an insight into areas they may not have thought about before, as Max Rusbridge said of working as part of the team at Theatre Royal Brighton, 'I've learned so much about what goes on behind the scenes in a theatre and how much maintenance is required.' As well as career based advantages, work experience also helps students develop confidence and skills in team work and self-motivation. Amelia Foschini-Shaw who worked at Early Explorers Nursery said 'It made me more confident and independent.' Hattie Moulding who completed her work experience at The Gymnastics Company said 'It gave me experience of talking to people I didn't know.'

It was not only the students who clearly got so much out of the experience, the employers also gained an additional and valuable member of their team for a week. We are delighted with the feedback we received from employers which included:

'I would like to say that your students have been a credit to your school and I am confident all 3 will do extremely well in their career choices.' HMRC.

'Your student has been a 'real ray of sunshine' – interacting really well with the residents and being a real asset.' Avon Manor Nursing Home

Mrs Green, Careers Leader said "the students that have been out this week were absolutely brilliant. They have helped out in many different areas and done so sensibly and conscientiously. They have smiled throughout the five days- hopefully a sign that they have enjoyed themselves- and behaved impeccably."

Year 10 work experience is a huge project to undertake and we are grateful to all the employers who partake in the scheme. Further thanks to our fantastic careers team who

worked tirelessly in organising, visiting and evaluating a record number of students during their placements.

