

YEAR 9 AT WORK

To support the Careers Education we have in school, our Year 9 students had the opportunity to experience the world of work with their parents!

The aim of the experience was to inspire students' exploration of different careers, expand their networks and open their eyes to the exciting opportunities available to them. The Gatsby Foundation 'Good Career Guidance' Report states that good career guidance is critical if young people are to raise their aspirations and capitalise on the opportunities available to them.

Gatsby Benchmark 5 states, *'Every pupil should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers,*

mentoring and enterprise schemes.'

The aim of our 'Take your child to work day,' was to provide students with the opportunity to engage with employers in a meaningful way and experience the world of work first hand.

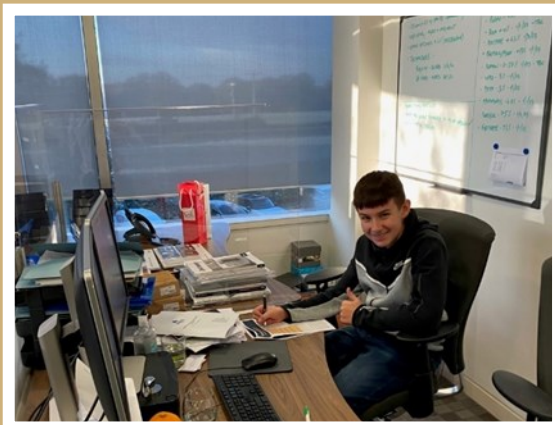
By accompanying a family member or close family friend/relation to their place of work for the day, the students benefitted from:

- gaining an insight into the skills required for a particular job
- increasing their awareness of their own skills and strengths



Joseph Cordingley spent the day with his Dad at **Morris Homes Ltd.**

"He had a great day with me (I think)", said Mr Cordingley, "although I think he preferred it in the office, rather than the freezing temperatures on a building site!"



- increasing their motivation to do well in school
- gaining useful experience for their CV
- appreciating the skills needed to succeed in a job

During their placement, students were asked to complete a booklet containing a number of activities. These included finding out what the business does, how many people the company employs, what happens if someone has an accident at work, what the perks are for working for that company, and the skills and qualifications needed. Students were also given the opportunity to 'quiz the boss'.

All of these activities helped to make the day as meaningful as possible and gave Year 9 a worthwhile insight into the world of work.

Lexi Geritas went to work with her Dad to fit a kitchen with **Wreger Building**.



Oliver Rickers went to work (with his Auntie) and Charles Harrison (with his Mum) at **Lane End Group**.



"Having the boys in the office was a great experience for everyone", said Richard Harrison, Managing Director of Lane End Group.

"It's good for them to see life outside the classroom and how some of the things they learn there are put into practice".

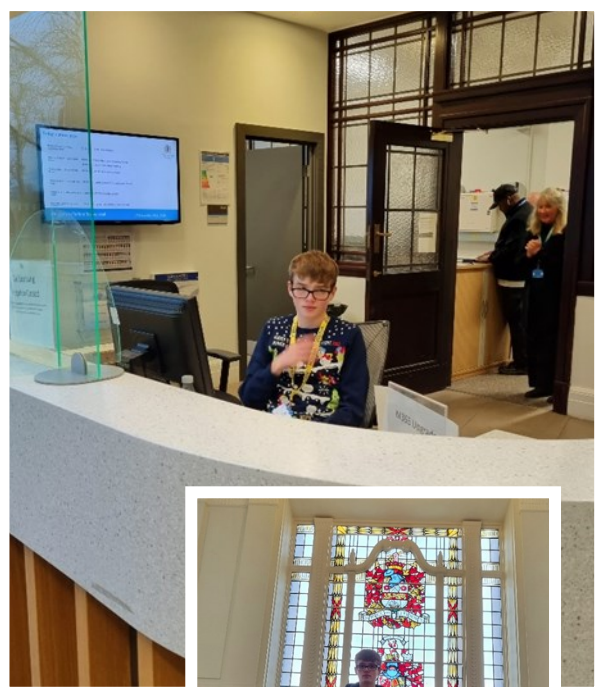


Will Chandler went to work with his Dad at **JCB**.

“Will had a great day at JCB”, said Mr Chandler.



He even got to meet David Jason who was there filming for the day!



Luke Tyms went with his Mum to work at **Trafford Council**. He spent the day with the Human Resources team at Trafford Town Hall. Luke attended a team meeting in which the team discussed ideas about what they are currently good at but also looked at ways the team could improve. Luke was then given the task of typing up the ideas that were discussed. Luke spent some time on reception at Trafford Town Hall getting an idea of what it is like to be the first point of call for customers. Fortunately for Luke his visit coincided with the HR team's Christmas lunch and he enjoyed tucking into a buffet and participating in a Christmas quiz.

Luke enjoyed his day and it gave him a feel for what it is like working in a team for a large organisation.



Liana Kraska spent her day with her Mum in a **Residential care home**.

In the care home, 80% of the residents have dementia and they loved having a child around. Liana baked with the residents and assisted them in decorating the cupcakes, as well as stopping them from covering each other in cake mix!

Liana had a fabulous day and the manager said she's welcome back any time!

Louis Matthews (with Mum) and Zara Kazmi (with Dad) went to work at **Barclays**. This is primarily a Technology centre, and they got to do a few interesting things such as getting a tour of one of the global Technology Command Centres, seeing how a cash machine works in real life, talking to one of the team managers of the Barclays digital App and interviewing the boss. They also got to sample the on-site canteen for lunch and try the hot chocolate from the coffee bar!

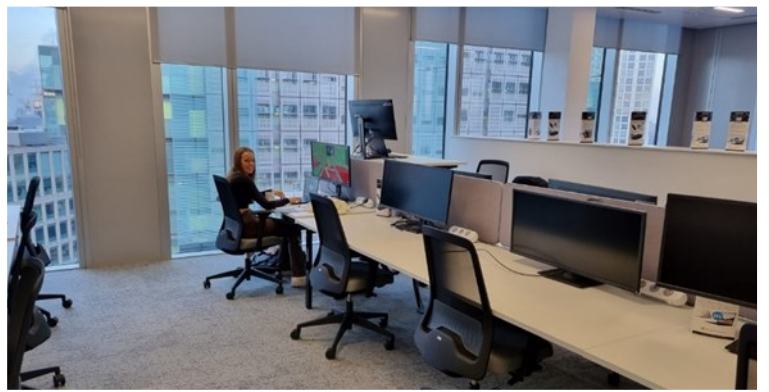
Highlights of the day were speaking to the boss where they got to ask all the questions that they wanted to including how long does it take to earn a decent salary (!), how to deal with stress and who was the longest serving person at the company (50 years!). Next best after that was seeing how many transactions are processed through the digital App and how the technology teams work to make sure it is always working for customers.

After not looking forward to it, Louis said he really enjoyed the whole day, and it made him realise that work can be fun if you enjoy who you are working with.



Lily Weall went with her Dad to the company **Insight**.

Lily spent the day at her dad's office in Manchester City Centre. She sat in on a boardroom meeting and listened in to different calls. She interviewed one of the managing directors, asking the questions from the booklet, and she got the opportunity to go on a Zoom call with the Head of Human Resources to ask her the same questions. Lily was given a guided tour of the offices and was shown the various operating procedures that the company use on a daily basis.



Theo Smith joined his Mum at **Broomfields Junior School**.

Theo came into school to work with Year 5 children teaching Maths, English and supporting his teacher mum. He really enjoyed it and the kids loved him.

Bria Coxon went with her Mum to the estate agent **Gascoigne Halman**.

Bria undertook property viewings with clients, created a property brochure, learnt lots about mortgages, life insurance, wills etc, and the processes and pitfalls of house sales.



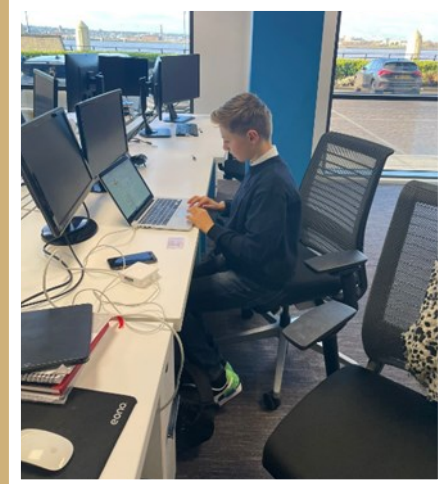


Evie Hughes joined her Mum at **Genuit Group**.

“We went to our Horncastle site which makes very big pipes that are used to take water away under buildings, motorways or similar structures”, said Mrs Hughes. The pipes are made from 100% recycled material, in particular plastic milk cartons, and the site is zero waste to landfill.

Evie took a bag full of empty milk cartons and the Operations team explained how they went through the sorting, washing and mixing and ultimately made a pipe. She also got to meet three apprentices who shared their stories over the last few years: why they joined, what were the highs and the lows, including how they have been able to buy cars and houses!

“We were also lucky to be there on a day when a group of first time leaders were graduating from our Leadership Development programme, so Evie and I got to have lunch with them and she witnessed me in Director-mode handing out the certificates and congratulations.”



Reuben Roberts went with his Auntie to **Vast Visibility**. He had a brilliant day in Liverpool: he got involved in meetings, discussed marketing and strap lines, and asked all the team for career advice.

Alana Bottomley went to work with her Dad at **RB Landscapes**.

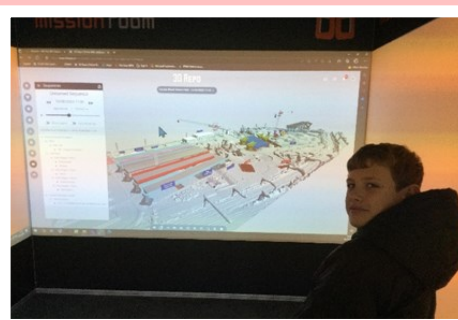
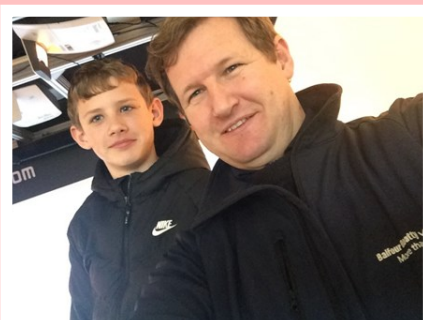
“She had a fab day, if not a bit cold!”

Below is a still from a video of Alana drilling the ground.



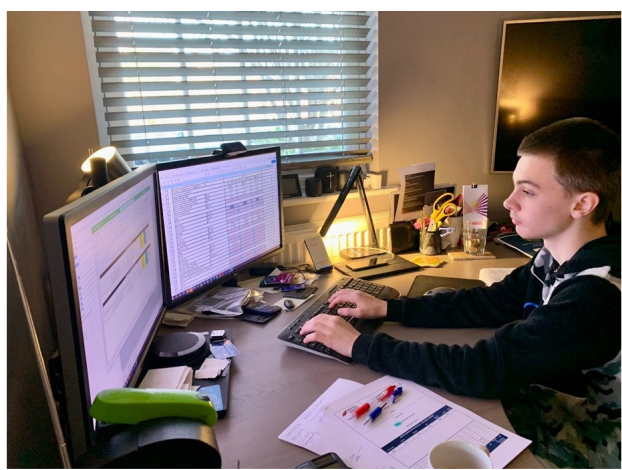
Tom Fawcett went to work with his Dad at **Balfour Beatty** working on the construction of HS2. He met the Head of Innovation to learn about innovating technologies within the company. He then spent time in the mission room where he viewed immersive visual construction sequences. He received some training on ground reinforcement and then did

some training on how to construct a bridge using virtual reality goggles – a highlight for Tom! This technology will be used in schools in the near future to inspire and inform students about the construction industry.



Jamie Staniforth went with his Dad to **TechnipFMC**.

Jamie spent the day working on proposals for the manufacture of multiphase meters for the oil and gas sector. He used real field data from a client, which included flowrates for oil, gas and water along with operating pressures and temperatures. He enjoyed learning about how density is measured by a densitometer which comes from a radioactive source!



Louisa Bell went to work with her Mum at **Baba+Boo**.

"I really loved the work placement day with my daughter Louisa. I run a reusable nappy company and she helped me pack orders and I showed her how we use social media. Louisa made a reel for Instagram and it has been one of our most highly engaged posts."

"I wish this could be something we do every year, it was a real treat for me!"