

Bringing the Workplace into Our Classrooms – Our Pupils Need You!

Our Aim:

- To provide a real life context to learners experiences at The James Young High School and our cluster primary schools through building sustainable links to the work place
- To provide skills suitable for the work force in a range of job families and industries
- To ensure all our pupils are confident to leave school at their chosen leaving date – fully equipped for the work place

You can help by interacting directly with subjects in a variety of ways that suit your skills set and time frame. Below are just some examples as to how you can support our pupils:

1	<i>Skills Visits</i>	Come and talk to small groups, classes or year groups about the skills required in your career – help them to see what is required to be successful in your career.
2	<i>Curriculum talks – ‘Meet the expert’</i>	Linking to a subject who relates to your career and offering pupils the chance to hear what you do on a daily basis. By linking with a relevant subject our pupils will see the link between what they are learning to life beyond school.
3	<i>Teacher visits or short placements in your workplace</i>	Offering subject teachers the opportunity to visit an organisation that will expand their knowledge of the current labour market and techniques in your industry
4	<i>Long or short term work placements</i>	Offering pupils in our senior phase the opportunity to learn hands on in your workplace
5	<i>Shared Projects</i>	Working with a specific teacher or subject to plan a project that will directly link to the curriculum; bringing a real life context to our curriculum and could also add value to your organisation
6	<i>Class or small group visits to your place of work</i>	Giving pupils the opportunity to see how a work place operates and make direct links from classroom learning into the work place
7	<i>Challenges and competitions</i>	Sponsoring or co-creating a project with a subject area that will give our pupils a real life context to what they are learning.
8	<i>Help with recruitment sessions</i>	Offering pupils the opportunity to practise recruitment techniques. We have dates already in the calendar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ February can you offer any time to allow all our S4 & S5 leavers and all S6 pupils the opportunity to have an interview as part of an Assessment Centre experience. We need approximately 30 volunteers to help during February. Very simply this gives our leavers an opportunity to experience a realistic interview scenario – an invaluable opportunity.
9	<i>Help CV writing skills</i>	Support our Jobs Cafe session for those senior pupils who are leaving school and looking for employment – these take place during March & April.
10	<i>Careers Events</i>	We have 2 dates in our diary for the forthcoming session: Thursday 30 January Parent and Pupil Career Event 6 – 7.30 pm. Can you support this event by running a stall and answering questions about your career? Thursday 6 February; S2 Guess the Career afternoon 1.30 – 3.30 pm. Can you offer time that morning to participate in a carousel activity where you will describe the key parts of your job and the skills required – allowing the pupils to see if they can guess your role?
11	<i>Your Career Journey</i>	For those who perhaps don't have time to come into school but would like to help – how about recording a short video clip for us? You could summarise for us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The job you currently do – what skills do you need to do that job? What does your job involve? • Your career journey from leaving school – talk to pupils about your route to get to where you are today.

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