

School: Riversides School

Event: Visit to Kidderminster College and the New Construction site

Number of pupils attending: 11

Benchmarks 1,2,3,4,5,7



Overview of the activity

Riversides School is committed to supporting all pupils to achieve their full potential especially when researching career opportunities for individual students. This specific visit was aimed at encouraging students to be aware of how post 16 options within college can be completely different to school.

Through this, we were:

Raising students' aspirations

Supporting SEN students

Looking at Benchmark 7 is particularly important as the exposure to further education will give exposure to short- or long-term opportunities.

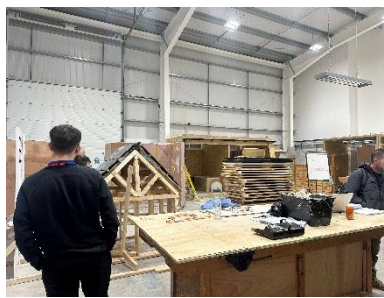
Activity

We contacted Kidderminster College and arranged for a visit to their main college and new construction site where car maintenance, brick work, carpentry and electrical workshops are in place, this was a good experience for our student to what it would be like to attend college.

Firstly, we had a tour of the main campus where Naomi showed the students a day in the life of a student at college, she spoke about the range of courses available and levels of entry onto courses. Naomi listened to the students' interests and as a group we visited all those courses that we in practice. This was aspirational for the students as they could see how college operates and how differently it is to school.

After the tour of the main campus, they were invited to the construction site for a tour of the workshops. They spoke to other students they shared their experiences of college, the students listened well to them and asked what "life was like at college".

The construction site showed the students the practical side of the course they found this inspiring; this helped the students decide their own personalised career path of post 16 options.



Impact of activity

Our students felt it was a real taster day and gave an opportunity for them to experience college and speak to people like them.

They felt it was something that they could aspire to, and the visit persuaded them that college might be for them.

Although a few of them doesn't want to go to Kidderminster college, they felt it really is the right path to take in.

This has helped focus our students as they know that they need to achieve grades 3 in GCSEs or entry level in function skills for entry level so that they can attend Kidderminster College.

Quotes from the students.

"This place is amazing"

"Be so cool to come to this college"

"Do I go to college everyday"

Teacher Feedback

Naomi is always so friendly and welcoming, makes it so easy to return.

The new construction site is a great opportunity for students to learn in a practical manner.

Student Feedback

The construction site is cool, they even have a sandwich van that comes around at lunchtime.

