

## Visit from past student

(Alumni)

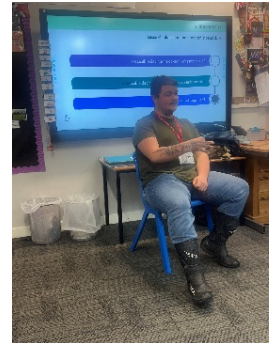
Class: Year 11

Number of students: 6

Gatsby benchmarks: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,



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### Aim of Activity

The school invited David Hail, a former student who completed GCSEs in 2024, to speak about their career path since leaving school. This was to inspire the year 11 students by showing how skills learned at school can lead to exciting career options in a range of many sectors.

### Impact of the activity

The visit was designed to:

- Highlight different pathways to learning
- Sharing real world experiences and challenges
- Encourage students to think about transferable skills

### Activities

David spoke about his interest in hospitality and culinary careers by;

Talking about vocational pathways college course which he attends and other routes eg; apprenticeships.

Sharing real life experiences in the food industry.

Highlighting transferable skills such as creativity, time management and teamwork.

David spoke to the group about the importance of staying focused in school and achieving those important grades needs to achieve their desired course for college. He spoke about the importance for having a plan B in place as things don't always go to plan. He explained the course in detail and inspirations for future career options level 1- level 3 then onto university for your higher levels.

### **Impact of the activity:**

- Increased student awareness of supported employment routes after college.
- Improved motivation and confidence in planning next steps.
- Strengthened links between the school and Mencap's employment services.
- Follow-up referrals made for two students interested in supported internships.

### **Student Feedback:**

College sounds good for culinary skills?

Where do you get your whites and knives from?

Do you get stressed at cooking?

**Teacher Feedback:**

A great visit from a past student, great to see David succeed in his career. A visit is booked for our local college; the students will get to see firsthand experience off a range of course available to them.