

School: Riversides School

Event: Heart Of Worcestershire college

Number of pupils attending - 2



Aim of activity: *Benchmarks – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7*

- To prepare for post-16
- To gain knowledge on possible career pathways

To prepare our year 11 students for post-16 pathways, we set up a visit to the Heart of Worcestershire College (27.01.2026). Heart of

Worcestershire College is the largest further education college in Worcestershire County, with campuses in Bromsgrove, Redditch, Worcester and Malvern. HOW College provides vocational, technical and professional courses, access programmes, apprenticeships, degrees, foundation degrees, HNDs, HNCs, NVQs and business training.

This trip allowed our students to get an insight of what they can do when they leave RAP this year. Our students were given the opportunity to speak to members of staff at the college about the different options available post-16 as well as a guided tour around the buildings.

Activity:

We arrived at HOW college at 9:55 in preparation for our 10:00 tour. After some delays, we were greeted by Kelly and 2 other members of the college team. Amy gave us a tour of the college's 'Base'. This area had been designed and created for college students with additional needs, or

students who struggle in the larger classroom settings. Within the 'Base', there were multiple rooms that we had a look in. These rooms consisted of different post-16 pathways, such as cooking, painting & decorating and preparation for independent living. Both students engaged in conversation throughout the tour. Although the college was busy at times, our students handled it very well.

We then moved on to different areas of the college. Our students were asked what they are interested in post-16. Both answered appropriately. The response from one student led us to visit the 'electrical installation' workshop. We also looked at the sporting classroom and different common rooms around the building. The common rooms allow students to relax and decompress between lessons. If and when the canteen is too busy, students are given the opportunity to use the common rooms during lunch hours.

Throughout the tour, we were given information regarding what the college has to offer. There were several opportunities available for our students, from basic courses to supported internships. HOW college also offers higher educational opportunities (university courses) which allow students to study from the comfort of their own home or from one of the college's library rooms.

Impact of the activity:

This trip allowed our students to gain knowledge on the different post-16 opportunities. All staff at HOW college were welcoming and delivered information clearly.

All students engaged well throughout the tour and listened well to the information received. This visit seemed to have a positive impact on the students and has allowed them to think about what they would like to do post-16.

Quotes from students:

“It was fun”.

(Electrical installations workshop) “There’s so much in here”. “It looks cool”.



