

School: Riversides School

Event: Skills Expo Careers Show

Number of pupils attending: 22

Increase employer engagement

The workings of a workplace visit

Raise students' aspirations

Raising industry sectors profile and appeal to students

Linking Gatsby Benchmark 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.



### **Aim of the activity**

Students from Years 7, 8, and 9 from both of our sites had the exciting opportunity to attend the annual Skills Expo Careers Show held at Sixways Stadium in Worcester. The event brought together regional employers, colleges, universities, and training providers, offering students a hands-on, interactive introduction to the world of careers and future pathways.

The visit forms part of our school's commitment to providing meaningful encounters with employers and linking curriculum learning to real-world opportunities, in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks for careers education.

### **Activity**

The students experienced a range of hands-On Activities, which engaged in a wide range of practical industry led activities including,

Virtual reality engineering simulations

Health and social care demonstrations, such as medical equipment handling

Interactive STEM challenges

Construction and bricklaying tasters

Digital and creative media workshops

These experiences allowed pupils to explore industries they may not previously have considered and gain insight into the skills required.

Throughout the event, students met representatives from:

Local and national employers

Colleges and sixth forms

Apprenticeship and training providers

Armed forces and emergency services



The exhibition helped broaden students' understanding of:

The wide range of career opportunities in Worcestershire and the wider region

The importance of skills such as teamwork, communication, resilience, and digital literacy

How their current subjects link to future pathways

The value of exploring both academic and vocational routes

Many students left the event feeling inspired, motivated, and excited about their future possibilities

### **Impact of the activity**

The visit supported our whole-school careers strategy by:

Providing students with meaningful encounters with employers

Strengthening links with the local labour market

Enhancing personal development and raising aspirations

Helping students make more informed decisions about their GCSE options and future pathways

### **Quotes from the students.**

“Really interesting—there were jobs I didn’t even know existed.”

“The practical activities helped me see what I might enjoy doing when I’m older.”

“Talking to people who actually do the jobs made it feel real.”

### **Teachers feedback**

The Skills Expo Careers Show at Sixways was a valuable experience for our Year 7, 8, and 9 students, giving them a deeper understanding of the world of work and the exciting opportunities available to

them. We look forward to continuing to build strong careers education experiences that inspire every student to dream big, set ambitious goals, and plan confidently for their future.

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