

It has been a very busy and exciting term which has included a number of opportunities for many pupils at the Academy.



Accelerating Confidence – East Midlands Airport

This term we saw the completion of our hugely successful ‘Accelerating Confidence’ project with East Midlands Airport. You may recall from the previous newsletter that 10 pupils from year 10 took part in six visits to the airport in order to inspire them and raise their aspirations. Along the way they have learnt about the wide range of job opportunities at the airport, developed key employability skills and significantly improved their confidence. The project gained media interest and the pupils were featured on both radio Nottingham and Central news. The result of the success of this project has meant that other businesses have signed up and are offering a similar opportunity with their company for our pupils.

We have now launched the '**Nottingham Trent University** '10 – the pupils on this project have been selected, following an application process and the first visit to the University is taking place after Easter. We are also in the process of selecting 10 pupils for the '**British Gypsum**' 10 and after Easter, **Crowne Plaza Hotel** will be coming in to launch their project to year 10. I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic and unique opportunity for pupils and something we are looking to expand on going forward.

Ambition Project with Nottingham University

In January, representatives from the university came into the Academy to work with an identified group of year 7's in

preparation for a campus visit later the same month. The pupils learnt about various aspects of University life including; the types of subjects you can study, accommodation, finance and the number of ‘Societies’ you are able to join whilst at University. During the campus visit they had the opportunity to have a full tour of the campus and have a look inside the halls of residence. They also visited the extensive library, students union, one of the many catering facilities on site and completed activities in the very spectacular ‘Great Hall’ at the University. The pupils will remain on this project until year 11 and have



a different experience every year relating to university life.

Our year 8 pupils who are also on the same project had their campus visit to the university's site at Sutton Bonington. This is a much smaller campus and the main focus of study there is linked with veterinary medicine and science. The pupils were given an extensive tour of the campus where they were able to see animal skeletons and attempt to identify them. Student ambassadors spoke to the pupils about their experiences of being a student and answered any questions the pupils had.

Nottingham Trent University

In March representatives from NTU came in to work with all of our year 8. They delivered 5 sessions throughout the day with the aim to inspire the pupils into thinking about going to University and raising their aspirations. The pupils were also able to develop some key employability skills such as; team work, leadership, listening to others and presentation skills. The day was a great success and the feedback from the staff at NTU was very positive.



Also, in March, representatives from NTU came in to work with 2 groups of identified year 9 pupils. The focus of these sessions was for the pupils to find out as much information as they could about the student ambassadors including, their qualifications, what they were studying, their interests and their career aspirations. The pupils then presented their findings to the rest of the group. This also helped the pupils develop key employability skills whilst also finding out about different pathways to university. Again, the feedback from staff was very positive.

Bright Day – Bright Futures

In January the 'Bright Futures' team worked with the whole of year 9 and the aim of the day was to help them prepare for their option choices. The pupils took part in a number of



workshops including a session delivered by a company called 'Young Enterprise' Their session

was called 'Learn to Earn' and helped the pupils understand that, in order to achieve their desired career and lifestyle, they had to work hard at school and make sure they chose the right subjects for the right reasons. Pupils were also able to develop key skills such as; budgeting, team work, using initiative and independence. Other workshops delivered throughout the day were; Unifrog, Nottingham University and a session on 'making good decisions'. The feedback and evaluation from the pupils stated that they now felt more equipped and prepared for choosing their options.



Event Spark – Blue Monday

A group of pupils, in year 10, have been working alongside a company called 'Blue Monday' arranging an event for the local community. I am pleased to inform you that

the date for the event has been set and a copy of the invite below. We have a limited number of tickets, therefore anyone interested in attending the event please contact Miss Boseley at the Academy. The cost of the event is £6.00 which includes food and entertainment. The pupils have worked tirelessly, in their own time, to arrange this and your support would be much appreciated.



Year 10 Interview Skills Day

We recently hosted our interview skills day for all year 10 pupils. We have a number of volunteers from a wide range of businesses come in to the Academy and conduct mock interviews with all pupils. In preparation for the day the pupils are required to submit their CV. The pupils then take this into the interview with them for the volunteers to look at and offer advice about. The business volunteers also feedback to the pupils on areas such as; eye contact, body language and communication skills. The pupils feedback is that they find the experience very beneficial and makes them feel more confident about

forthcoming interviews as they will be able to put into practice, the advice they have been given. The business volunteers were very impressed with all of our pupils and are very keen to come back next year!

only. Please support your child in finding a placement. The deadline for getting placement information to Miss Boseley is Friday 25th May 2018.

Some photos from recent activities



Careers Web

You may have seen, via our social media sites and website, that we have launched a new facility, on our website called 'careers web.' For information on how to register, as a parent, please access the 'News' page of our website for a step by step guide. When you have registered you will have access to a vast range of careers information, advice and resources in order to support your child. Pupils are also in the process of registering in their tutor groups and they too, will have access to a vast amount of careers resources. This is a great new facility which we look forward to exploring further.



East Midlands Airport Visit



Year 7 University of Nottingham campus visit



Futures

Our careers advisors from 'Futures' have now interviewed all our year 11 pupils, at least once, about their next steps and choices for when they leave Farnborough. This includes advice about colleges/apprenticeships and support with applications. They have now also started interviewing our year 10 pupils to ensure that they are also prepared and aware of their career pathways. Every pupil will be given an appointment and can also request an additional appointment if they need one.

Work Experience – Year 10

A reminder to pupils and parents that the dates for work experience, this year, are week commencing **Monday 10th September – Friday 14th September 2018** for one week



Ambition project in school