

Kingsbury Green Academy Pupils Gain Real-World Insight

Kingsbury Green Academy would like to extend a huge thank you to Calne Community Campus for partnering with us as part of our growing Modern Work Experience Programme.

This year, around 50 Year 8 pupils took part in work experience placements at the Campus across four separate days, giving them the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of the workplace and explore careers within the sports and leisure sector.

Throughout their visits, pupils took part in a range of activities and learned about different job roles, including sports coaching, swimming lessons, lifeguarding, marketing, reception duties and administration. They worked alongside Campus staff, developed their understanding of workplace expectations and built essential employability skills such as communication, teamwork and professionalism.



The experience forms part of Kingsbury Green Academy's Modern Work Experience Programme, which provides pupils with multiple, varied and targeted employer encounters throughout their school journey. Pupils were selected based on their interests and aspirations identified through the school's Future Skills Questionnaire, allowing experiences to be tailored to their career interests.

The success of the programme has attracted wider interest, and the project is now being supported by the Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Hub, which is exploring the potential for similar

partnerships to be rolled out across other leisure centres, helping more young people access meaningful workplace experiences and career inspiration.



Careers Lead, Cath Young, said:

“We are incredibly grateful to Calne Community Campus for supporting our students and helping bring the world of work to life. Experiences like this allow young people to explore different career pathways, develop essential skills and gain confidence in their future ambitions. We are delighted that around 50 students have benefited from this opportunity and are thrilled that the success of the programme is now being recognised more widely. We look forward to continuing and growing this valuable partnership.”



Cllr Mel Jacob, Deputy Leader of Wiltshire Council and Cabinet Member for Organisational Strategy, Digital and Leisure, Libraries & Culture, said: “It is fantastic to see Kingsbury Green Academy and Calne Community Campus working together to give young people these valuable experiences.

“Opportunities like this help pupils build confidence, develop important workplace skills and gain an insight into the wide range of careers available within the leisure and sports sector.

“By bringing together education with employers in our communities, we can hopefully inspire young people to think positively about their future and possible career paths.

“I would like to thank everyone involved in making this programme such a success.”

The Academy would like to thank Colin Larrigan and the entire Calne Community Campus team for their time, enthusiasm and commitment to inspiring the next

generation through this
innovative partnership.

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