

CASE STUDY

world of work week



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Theme: Work Experience
EBP: KINGSTON & MERTON EBP
Partners: Pizza Express, Lynton Hall Nursing Home, London Underground, The Fire Service, BOC Gases, John Lewis Partnership, Historic Royal Palaces, The Court Service
Students: 15 Year 10 students of Cricket Green Special School

Aims

- To match the skills, abilities and interests of the students, who have moderate learning difficulties, to employment sectors
- To identify, recruit and brief employers who will provide effective opportunities to extend and support student learning in the workplace and the community at large
- To provide real life contexts to students' classroom learning and career planning
- To provide opportunities for students to understand what motivates people to work
- To provide opportunities for students to gain insights into the changing world of work

Procedure

A representative from KMEBP visited the students at their school and interviewed them about their interests and aspiration with regard to the workplace and their futures. An important part of the visit was to ascertain student skills, abilities and attitudes to make sure that the employers recruited were provided with as much information as possible about the needs and abilities of the participating students.

Students were comprehensively prepared for their World of Work Week. Students were provided with a timetable of visits and asked to think about what jobs were involved at each workplace and to make notes of relevant questions they wanted to ask the employers. They also looked at matching skills to jobs and health and safety issues.

Programme

Students were taken off curriculum and spent the week visiting a variety of business and community workplaces. The visits usually consisted of a tour of the premises, information about the type of work undertaken, some hands-on activity, and opportunities for students to ask questions of the host employers.

Outcomes

- Students gained in confidence and developed their social skills as a result of this programme.
- The project has provided valuable opportunities for students to build relationships with involved employers, look at and consider the skills they have developed on work experience and focus on their aspirations for the future.
- Students' work, relating to the project, has been on display and students have made presentations to parents, school governors and employers.
- These brief visits have resulted in students being invited back to employers for work experience.

Progression

The World of Work project is firmly embedded in the curriculum. Some employers have worked with Cricket Green on several occasions. The project is continually being monitored, evaluated, developed and enhanced by all stakeholders.

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