



The Chalfonts Community College was extremely privileged to welcome Mike Moran a: musician, composer and musical director to the school to discuss his amazing career in the music industry with a number of students.

This event was run in conjunction with the school's Employability and Careers Programme and The Bucks Skills Hub whose aim is to promote and optimise links between employers and educators, to enable young people to become more prepared for the world of work.

Mike met with a group of Year 12 students who performed some of the musical work they have been practising recently, demonstrating their skills in the subject; this was followed with the chance to listen to Mike informally as he talked through his career. He delighted students with his stories of working with Bob Marley, Freddie Mercury and David Bowie.

Mike then presented to a larger group of students more formally about the music industry; this emphasised some really valuable key messages about being resilient and remaining positive. Students were encouraged to keep their options open and to give all opportunities a try. Mike also talked about the need for the students to have a specialism and something great to offer.





His advice to those wanting to be in the music industry is to embrace the different genres as you never know when you might need those skills and to produce a show reel which is up to date and readily available. He also talked about the varied roles within the industry including choreography, accountancy, hairdressing, dancing, marketing, music journalism and lawyers specialising in music. Also, to do a job you love and keep ahead of the trends.

We are extremely thankful to Mike and are grateful that he was able to come to the school to help us the raise aspirations of our students and to inspire them.

“One of the aims of the Employability and Careers Programme at The Chalfonts Community College is to bring the world of work into school as much as possible. It is so hard for the students to be able to articulate what jobs they would like to do because they don’t know what is out there! It is important that they understand that, even if they can’t get exactly what they would like, there are always lots of associated roles they could do. All of the visitors to school are great at sharing the range of roles possible for the students.”

Christine Sanders
Leader for Employability