

Reading Scholars Programme – Day 2

On Friday 24th February, I accompanied five Year 10 students to the second day of the 'Reading University Scholars Programme' which opened this year and is running as a pilot. The students will need to visit the university four times in 12 months and take part in an e-mentoring process. They will all have personal access to a Student Ambassador who they can talk to in confidence about academic related issues.

Many students are unsure of university and this programme allows them to see the different options available which will help them make informed choices and to hopefully motivate them to do well.

This second day included activities about 'myth busting' and then an exercise to match subjects to job roles. It was interesting for the students to see that the subjects they choose can lead to a varied list of job roles.

The students spent some time with the Student Ambassadors looking at the university prospectus and exploring the many different courses they could do. They then set up their e-mentoring accounts and sat in on a creative writing taster session.

Comments from students:

- I feel more inspired to go to University.
- I am still a little nervous about University but am starting to understand it more and I like the idea of going.
- From this trip, I don't feel that University is as scary as it might seem.
- It could now be a possibility.
- I have logged into the e-mentoring tool and have started linking up with my Student Ambassador. I really like the fact that I can talk on a 1:1 basis to her.
- I am really looking forward to our third session in July.

