



Seven of our Sixth Formers, Michael Day, Jamie Woods, Freya Start, Lucy Magor, Elly Mackenzie, Jeyne Joubert and Lucy Brooker, signed up for a development opportunity to deliver a 'World of Work' programme to the Year 6 students of St Joseph's Catholic School in Chalfont St Peter. This took place over two mornings and involved the students in presenting and facilitating several activities with the children.

Research shows that children do better in school if they have work aspirations and, to have aspirations, they need to know which jobs exist and what it is like to do them. The more people children meet and talk to about work, the more they learn about and succeed in work. The 'World of Work' programme encourages children to consider lots of different roles and allows them to meet a few professionals and ask them questions about their day to day work. The activities include: a Careers Trump Card game, Pictionary and some self-reflection about employability skills.

Our students were such great ambassadors; responding to questions, initiating discussions and encouraging the Year 6 students to participate in the activities. They were leading classes of 25 children on their own, keeping them both engaged and interested. This experience will have given the Sixth Formers some amazing evidence to add to their personal statements, CVs and LinkedIn profiles!

Here are some of the comments from the students about having the Sixth Formers delivering the sessions:

- *The Sixth Formers did a fantastic job of teaching and delivering the sessions to us*
- *The Sixth Formers made the workshop really fun and exciting*
- *The Sixth Formers were very engaging and helpful*
- *I felt smart because they told me so much*
- *It was really fun and inspiring*
- *It was fun to do activities with them*
- *Really, really nice; I hope I see you in CCC one day*
- *It felt good that people from CCC came and taught us*
- *They are helpful and kind*
- *We were delighted to see from the feedback that 100% of the students said they would recommend the programme to their colleagues.*

We hope to run the programme again next year, with our new Year 12s!

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