





Farnborough School

Accelerating Confidence – How it all began...

- Pilot project with East Midlands Airport
- 10 pupils – 6 visits
- Application process
- Expansion of project – British Gypsum, Nottingham Trent University and Crowne Plaza
- 2019/2020 now have six businesses on board including Nottingham City Homes and J Tomlinsons
- Objective – to have more businesses so every pupil in year 10 is linked to a business



How does this fit with new careers strategy and Gatsby benchmarks?

- Issues surrounding work experience
- Meaningful encounters and experiences of the workplace (benchmark 6)
- Encounters with employers and employees (benchmark 5)
- Linking curriculum learning to careers – British Gypsum – Science at work and Geography project. (benchmark 4)
- Learning from career and labour market information (benchmark 2)



How has this benefitted our pupils?

- Confidence
- Raising aspirations
- Contacts and experience
- A goal to aim for
- Belonging
- Improved attendance and behaviour
- More focussed
- Removed from friendship circle and comfort zone
- Develop key employability skills and a greater awareness of personal qualities





What the pupils had to say...

- “I now have a clear idea of what I want to do and what I need to do to make that happen”
- “I was amazed how many job opportunities there were in just one business!”
- “My focus in lessons has improved since the project as I now realise this needs to happen if I want to achieve”
- “The project was an amazing experience and also something I can put on my CV to make me stand out from the crowd”
- “The best thing about the project was taking part in practical activities and learning about the trade”
- “Since taking part in the project I have since completed my work experience with the business and have been given the opportunity to apply for an apprenticeship when I leave school – it was the best decision I ever made!”
- “I would recommend the project to all pupils and wish I could do it again!”



Additional benefits to our relationship with our business links

- Support at careers fair
- Support with transition
- Work experience
- Volunteers on interview skills day
- Business mentoring
- Support on bright days delivering workshops
- Curriculum project
- This could also be said for our other business links as well, as relationships develop



Questions?