

Careers Engagement Strategy

How can parents and employers get involved with our Careers Education and Work-related Learning Programme?

We welcome support from parents, alumni, members of the local community, employers, training providers and Further and Higher Education Institutes. For further information about how to get involved, please contact careers@fortismere.org.uk

Gaining Skills is essential in the modern-day economy!

‘Parental engagement plays a vital role in essential skills development.’

We **encourage students to develop their skills and experience** both within and outside of school. This will support them to prepare for their next career steps and help to ensure that they are building transferrable skills, so critical in the 21st Century. See <https://www.skillsbuilder.uk>

Students have access to the highly informative **Fortismere Careers PORTAL** via a link on the Google Classroom Year page.

How can you help?

1. Parent and Carer support

There are several ways for parents/carers to get involved:

- **Career talks** – share your experiences in employment with students who aspire to follow your career path
- **Work experience placements** – please email if you or your business/company can offer a placement opportunity (Y10: 1 week and Y12: 2 days)
- **Supporting your child** - we would encourage you to talk to your child about their future as much as possible.

‘Skills Builder recognises the vital role parents and carers have in helping their children to build their essential skills. The Skills Builder Universal Framework which provides a common language for building essential skills has been used to create Homezone especially for parents and carers.’ See <https://www.skillsbuilder.uk>

The website **‘Talking Futures’** contains a lot of useful information, including videos that can enable conversations between parents/carers and students to take place.

- **Parents Advice for Career Conversations - Talking Futures** - Just like for your child, each year we will ask for your feedback on our Careers Curriculum.

2. Employers: Can you please help us?

We are always looking to build links with employers to help enrich our Careers programme. Businesses are the lifeblood and backbone of the country’s economy. They also play a crucial role in partnering with schools to raise ambition and help to increase the pool and skills of future workers in the labour force. By helping our young people with work experience and careers education, you can open their eyes to career opportunities in the competitive 21st Century business world.

You can help our students by:

Enabling a Site visit (Business Insight Day) - Let our students visit your business and see how it works. (2 to 4 hours)

Work experience - Introduce students in Year 10 to working life within your business for a 1-week placement. Year 12 students seek a 2-day work experience.

Classroom visits - Join a class and chat to students about how the subject relates to the world of work (15 minutes). See our PAL report.

Provide a **careers lunchtime** drop-in clinic

Participate in **Careers interviews or Career evenings**

Provide apprenticeships for those students seeking to enter the world of work through this route.

If you would like to get involved with the **Fortismere Careers Programme** or know someone else who might like to get involved please get in touch. If you think someone at your workplace or your Human Resources Department might be able to help us in some way please let us know.

For all questions, queries and offers of support please contact Mr Renner, Careers Lead, by email careers@fortismere.org.uk

Thank you all for your interest and we hope to hear from you soon!

Fortismere School Careers