



# Great Marlow School

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Dear Parents/Carers

High quality work experience helps young people get ready for the world of work, providing powerful learning experiences for young people. When integrated into a structured careers programme - as defined by the Gatsby Benchmarks of best practice, work experience:

- Increases awareness of jobs and pathways like apprenticeships.
- Builds confidence in key skills like speaking and listening.
- Reduces the likelihood of a young person becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) at 16 and 18.

Workplace experiences are evolving and modernising to provide young people with more diverse opportunities to engage with the world of work. This extends beyond the traditional work experience, to include a variety of models from younger ages.

Schools are therefore working towards providing every young person with multiple workplace experiences, totalling ten days' worth throughout secondary education.

Several local schools run a "Take Your Child to Work Day" for Year 8 students. We are considering integrating this model into our careers programme at Great Marlow School. We appreciate that not every parent will be able to provide this opportunity, so we are sending out a survey to assess potential take-up. Please fill in the form on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pRZmEek5Ci>

If you have any further questions please contact Maggie Brunt on [mbrunt@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:mbrunt@gms.bucks.sch.uk) or Owen Hollyman on [ohollyman@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:ohollyman@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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