



Inspirational Speakers

CAREERS TEAM

Hugo Edwards

Alumni

WM Alumni student Hugo came to give a truly inspirational speech to KS5 students as part of our inaugural Business Brunch.

Hugo talked about how challenging he found leaving Woodlands Meed and how he overcame his anxieties to make a successful transition.

Hugo studies at Plumpton College and has a work experience placement at Oathall Farm one day a week. Hugo also works part time for Waitrose and partners.



Peter McCleery

WM Alumni

Peter, also an inspiring WM Alumni member, spoke at our Business Brunch about the challenges he faced leaving Woodlands Mead and moving into the world of work.

After completing his studies at Crawley College Peter worked with Access to Work who supported him with a Job Coach. He now works full time at Oathall College as an ICT Technician.



Jubylee Bakes

Young Entrepreneurs

Jubylee Bakes are a group of young entrepreneurs who won the 2016 Young Start-up Talent Gatwick. From there they started a bakery business, using fine ingredients to bake in small batches.

Jubylee Bakes came in and delivered an assembly to learners on both School and College sites. The team all spoke passionately about their business, making delicious homemade bakes for local shops and businesses. We were also lucky to be treated to some yummy samples!



Kara Warner

WM Alumni

Kara is a member of the Woodlands Meed Alumni and came to talk to 5AM and Willow classes during National Careers Week.

The students gave her a very warm welcome and enjoyed hearing about her experiences since leaving Woodlands Meed and about the activities she does at Oak Tree Farm.



Carl Morgan

Owner of Sussex Prestige Cars

Carl is a member of Woodlands Mead Alumni and came to speak to students during National Careers Week.

When Carl left he was still unable to read and write but he was determined to better himself and earn money. He started his own business which has gone from strength to strength.

Carl is a huge inspiration to our students as he has been exactly where they are now, his words of support and advice were invaluable.



West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

SLD students enjoyed a very special visit from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service as part of National Careers Week. They were able to explore the fire engine, hear all about the different equipment and what it is used for and try on some of the uniform!



Gatsby Benchmark Five

Encounters with Employers and Employees

EVERY PUPIL SHOULD HAVE
MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO
LEARN FROM EMPLOYERS
ABOUT WORK, EMPLOYMENT
AND THE SKILLS THAT ARE
VALUED IN THE WORKPLACE.
THIS CAN BE THROUGH A
RANGE OF ENRICHMENT
ACTIVITIES INCLUDING VISITING
SPEAKERS, MENTORING AND
ENTERPRISE SCHEMES

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