

This issue brings you some of the highlights from the past year !



HIGH VISIBILITY MARKINGS

This year we have had 5 group visits to **PVL**, dedicated specialists in the production of high visibility livery and corporate branding on vehicles. PVL also gave 2 students the opportunity to take part in a 6 week work experience programme where they spent a day in each department. PVL were so impressed by their commitment and conduct they went on to offer an 8 week work placement to 1 student. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with PVL in 22/23!



In June, 7 students spent the morning at **Focus Group**—a telecommunications company. The students found out about the different roles in the organisation and toured their offices. Focus Group enjoyed having our students so much they have committed to running the sessions again next year!



ISG—the construction firm who are building our new college —ran a 6 week work experience for a small group of students. The students found out about the roles within the construction industry, worked with

both **Haverstocks** and onsite contractors. We look forward to running another round of work experience with ISG next year!



LINDFIELD
COFFEE WORKS



YOUR LONDON AIRPORT
Gatwick

Gatwick Airport

gave a group of students, via the college's STEM programme, the opportunity to find out about the roles the Fire Brigade and Border Force have at the airport. As you can see it was a great day out and we hope to run the session again next year!



This year some keen IT students took part in group work experience for **Chambers and Partners** as IT testers. The company was very impressed with the skills of all the students that took part and they went on to offer 1 student an 8 week work placement!

Lindfield Coffee Works

trialled their new Barista Training with a Woodlands Meed student. The training taught the student not only how to prepare a variety of different of coffees but also gave her an understanding of the processes behind getting the coffee bean from plant to cafe.



understanding of the work place. We are delighted to say that planning is already underway for the next academic year!

Throughout the year students have heard from a wide range of employers including **Tilgate Park, MeCoCo, Albion in the Community, Woodlands Meed Alumni and Tiny Box Company**. We also had Beverley from **Louell Beauty**, a Woodlands Meed parent, run a fabulous Beauty Morning where students tried their hand at painting nails and waxing!

The MJC has also been engaging with businesses and at the end of May we launched our Inclusive Training for Businesses. The launch event, which was opened by our local MP, was well attended with representatives from local businesses, networks and council. Following the event **Waitrose, Tiny Box Company and Ridgeview** all said they were keen to support our student's access and



Have you heard about Aldingbourne Trust and the amazing support they can offer young people (+16) with Lifelong Disability from West Sussex? No? Aldingbourne has kindly offered to run an online session specifically for our parents. **Please email careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk** if you would be interested in attending a session.



Parental Feedback on Woodlands Meed Careers Programme

All schools have a statutory duty to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks in relation to Careers Education and we are delighted to say that Woodlands Meed continues to achieve 100% across all 8 benchmarks.

As part of the Gatsby Benchmarks we are required to review our Careers Programme every 3 years and the time has come for us to ask for your feedback.

If you are a parent of a student at Woodlands Meed please complete the survey which should only take a few minutes of your time, by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FDYBXJF>

Useful Careers & Transition Links

National Careers Service

The National careers Service provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work. For more info click [here](#).

Sussex Council Of Training Providers

The Sussex Council of Training Providers is a community of training providers that offers apprenticeships, work-based learning or pre-employment training in Sussex. For more info click [here](#).

Amazing Apprenticeships and ASK Programme

The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme for schools and colleges programme (ASK) is a free service to support apprenticeship IAG. For more info click [here](#).

Find an Apprenticeship

This link enables you to search for the latest Apprenticeship vacancies by sector and level in your local area. For more info click [here](#).

Access to Work

Access to Work (AtW) is a publicly funded employment support programme that aims to help more disabled people start or stay in work. It can provide practical and financial support for people who have a

disability or long term physical or mental health condition. For more info click [here](#).

Work Aid

The Work Aid scheme aims to match adults with learning disabilities and/or autism with suitable work placements and includes help for employers to get the most from their valuable and productive new employee. For more info click [here](#).

Traineeships

A traineeship is an education and training programme which incorporates work experience, preparing young people for their future careers by helping them to become 'work ready'. Designed for people aged 16 to 24 who don't yet have the appropriate skills or experience, traineeships provide the essential work preparation training, English, maths and work experience needed to secure an apprenticeship or employment. For more info click [here](#).

Local Offer

The West Sussex Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). For more info click [here](#).

UK's Largest Family-Led Specialist Residential Care Provider

What next after education?

Transition into adulthood is difficult and daunting for young people and their families. It's important to plan ahead, research all the options and make an informed decision on the next step of moving into adult services.

Home From Home Care

We provide specialist residential care for adults (18+) with learning disabilities, autism and complex physical & mental health.

- We are the UK's largest family-led specialist residential care provider
- Our focus is on independence, self-worth and new opportunities for each individual
- We creatively support individuals to achieve their goals and aspirations
- We build on the life skills taught at school and college
- We work closely with families and encourage active support and participation

Learning Disabilities, Autism and Complex Physical and Mental Health

[Dimensions](#) is an experienced care provider that understands what a difficult time this is and using our experience we have produced literature to help parents and carers with the decisions they have to make.

Please take a look at their brand new Transitions video, ["Your child's transition to adulthood in supported living."](#) which will help introduce transition and supported living to families .

Our **Careers and Work Experience Policy** has been updated and combined. It can be found [here](#).

Please email careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk if you would like to share your thoughts on the policy.

Are you a parent? Would you like to play a role in developing our careers programme? If so we are looking for new members for the MJC steering group!

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