



MJC UPDATE

CHRISTMAS EDITION

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the MJC update. We have had a very busy term with work experience placements, more students getting involved with learning how to use the technical equipment for assemblies, Time 4 Transition, even more activity in the Inspire café, together with our Autumn term college link courses. Let's take a closer look at these activities.

The MJC Team:

Nola, David and Jenny





COLLEGE LINK COURSES

Brinsbury College



The students had the opportunity to have a go on a tractor simulator.

The pig agility courses were great fun!



This is how you pick up a chicken!



What a busy term!



COLLEGE LINK COURSES: Construction at Crawley College



Starting slowly, checking the bricks are straight and building upwards.



Moving up to making different patterns with the bricks.

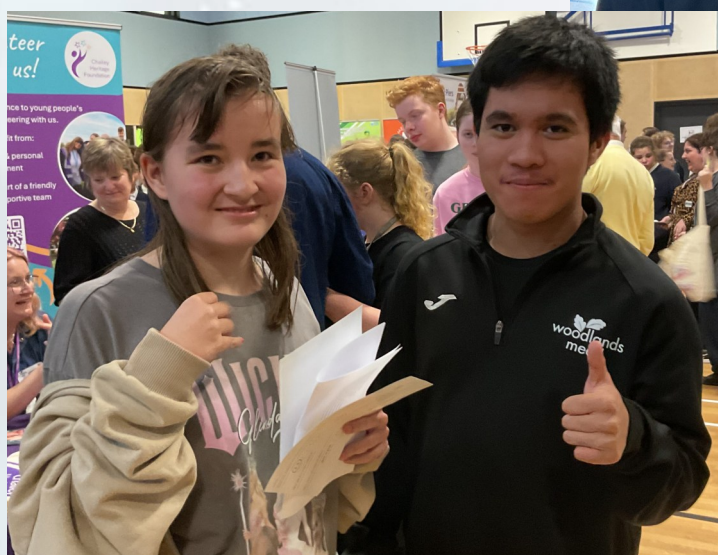


Building our futures!



TIME 4 TRANSITION

Time 4 Transition was a great success again this year. It was a very busy afternoon with various employers and colleges, with a plethora of information on what life after Woodlands Meed could be like.





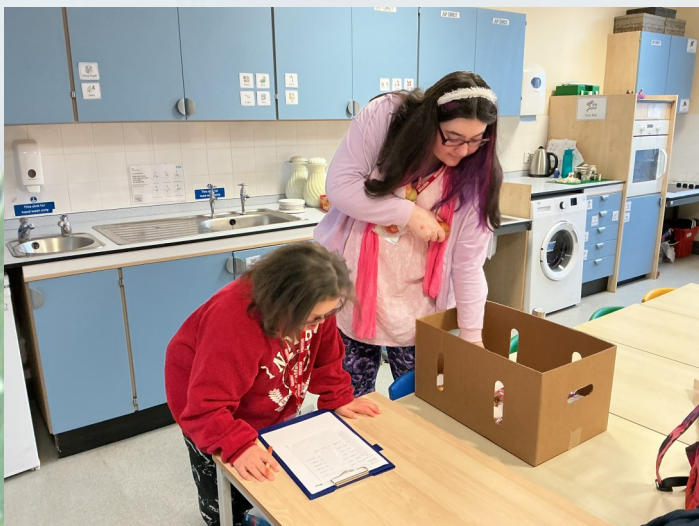
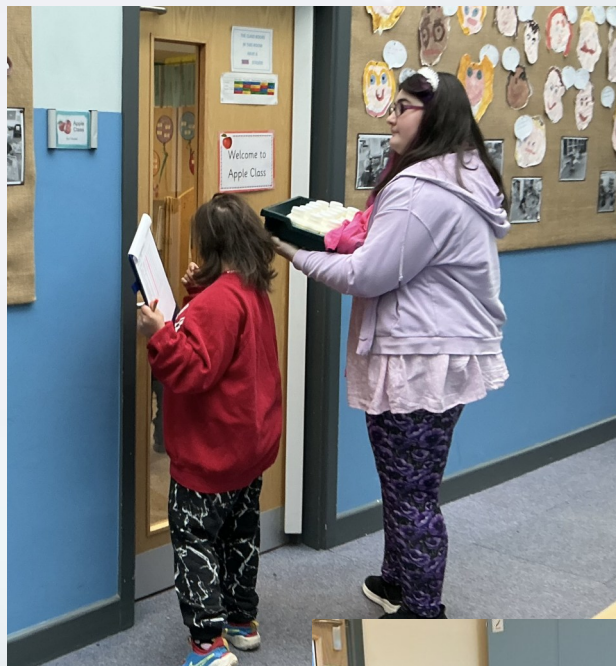
WORK EXPERIENCE

Birchwood Grove

C P School



Two students went to Birchwood Grove Primary School to deliver the fruit and milk to KS1 and KS2 classes. They put into PRACTICE their teamwork, adaptability, perseverance and communication skills





WORK EXPERIENCE

Burgess Hill & District **PANTRY**



Burgess Hill Pantry opened its doors to a couple of our students to help with sorting of the goods received. They worked hard with checking and sorting. Well done and what an amazing place!

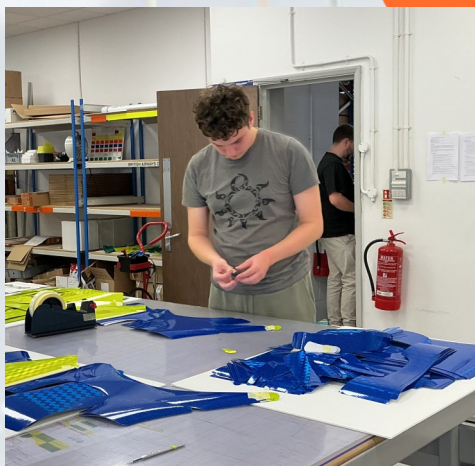


WORK EXPERIENCE



HIGH VISIBILITY MARKINGS

Work experience at PVL can include so many different things. Using machinery, printing, sorting and even looking at the advertising side in the office.





WORK EXPERIENCE

Students went to work experience at the hospice centre doing gardening, tidying and filling up the bird feeders.



St Peter & St James Hospice
Hospice care in the heart of Sussex





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Wow! That's a lot of sorting! 2 students went to help out at the distribution centre for the St Peter and St James shops. They both worked really hard and did a grand job.





WORK EXPERIENCE


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School Site—
Rabbit Care

What better place to do some work experience than at our own school site. These 2 students walked independently to the school site and back to help care for the rabbits there.





WORK EXPERIENCE



School Site— Sports Assistant

Anyone for sports? It was amazing to see one of our college students going to help with PE lessons with the younger children at the school site.





ENTERPRISE VISITS

The Horticulture Enterprise group had a visit to Borde Hill gardens where they appreciated all the hard work that goes in to the upkeep of these beautiful gardens.





ENTERPRISE VISITS

The Catering Enterprise group had an end of term treat and visited Greggs where they enjoyed a drink and, of course, the famous sausage rolls! A reward for cooking all the staff their lunches on Thursdays.





CRAFTIES ENTERPRISE

Crafties Enterprise group set up a stall at Edwards Vacuums Community Day to sell their amazing merchandise for Christmas.





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The Crafties Enterprise group also had a very interesting visit to Shredded Neat where they learned the ins and outs of paper shredding.





WORKPLACE VISITS



Some of our KS3 students went into the Lyons Den and had a visit to the Burgess Hill Lyons Club. They had a “roaring” good time!





WORKPLACE VISITS



We were very lucky to have Barclays bring their van to the college site to talk to students about online financial safety.





ALUMNI BARISTA TRAINING

A couple of members of our alumni were invited to some barista training at the Bentswood Hub. Mine's a cappuccino please!





PATRICK WINS AN AWARD!

Our very own Patrick McCarthy has won an award for his amazing time on the Supported Internship Programme at PVL. Patrick has now progressed to being a full time employee.

Congratulations Patrick!



SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2026

WOODLANDS MEED
IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH WSCC



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STARTING
SEPTEMBER 2026

Programme Highlights

Designed for

- 16 - 24 year olds
- who have an EHCP
- who want to learn employability skills
- who want to find a job
- who want to improve English & Maths

FIND OUT MORE

Work Based Study Programme

Supported by Expert Job
Coach

Approx 70% of time spent
in the Workplace

No Entry Qualification
Requirements

Contact us
careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk



Website
woodlandsmeed.co.uk



Parent/Carer Careers Programme Entitlement Statement 2025/26

Your guide to understanding what you can expect from the careers education programme as a parent/carer.

Careers education is the process of helping students understand, explore, and prepare for the world of work. It aims to equip people with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to make informed decisions about their future education, training, and employment.



Building Unique Pathways
To The Future



The Meed's Job Club

The MJC deliver the Woodlands Meed careers education programme across key stages 3, 4 and 5; providing information, advice and guidance on all things transition, careers education, work experience, and host multiple careers & transition related events and activities throughout the year.



The MJC update

Created and shared termly and provides information about careers education, recent careers & transition events and learning experiences the pupils have participated in. It also provides parents and carers with LMI and forthcoming careers and transition events at Woodlands Meed and the local community.

<https://www.woodlandsmeed.co.uk/page/?title=The+MJC+Update&pid=93>



Annual Review

Each year, parents are invited to attend their child's annual review to discuss future planning and transitions.

Vocational Profiles

A discovery document related to future plans about transition, education and work. Students begin to complete these in year 9, and update them throughout their time at Woodlands Meed until they leave.



Time4Transition

An annual event held at college in the autumn term where a wide range of transitions services including further education colleges, independent colleges, day services, supported internship providers, careers advisors, apprenticeship providers and employers are all under one roof and available to talk about your child's next step on their pathway to adulthood.

Parent Pledge

Parents are some of the biggest influencers and inspiration to young people, especially when it comes to careers. Parent Pledge is a way for parents to get involved with the careers curriculum and support students to learn about the world of work, by hearing your career stories.



Compass+ Report

At the end of the summer term each year, Compass+ Reports are sent out with students' summer term reports and they include a list of all the careers education and related learning and activities each student has been offered and/or taken part in over the year.

MJC Web Pages

There is a huge amount of careers education information on the MJC webpage section of the Woodlands Meed website. You will find key information about supported internships, the careers education programme, work experience, parent pledge, alumni, personal guidance and case studies. <https://www.woodlandsmeed.co.uk/mjc>



Personal Guidance

Students in years 11 and 13 are given the opportunity to sit with an independent careers advisor for 1:1 impartial careers and transitions guidance, to plan their next steps. Parents receive a written report with follow up actions.

<http://www.elev8careers.org.uk/>

Linked In

Woodlands Meed and the Meed's Job Club share exciting posts about the careers education and activities students participate in as a celebration of achievement and to network with local employers and businesses. https://uk.linkedin.com/company/meed-s-job-club?trk=public_post_feed-actor-name



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Weekly Bulletin

The weekly bulletin is shared with parents/carer on the Woodlands Meed website every Friday. The bulletin includes community offers, information about family support services and information about transitions and internships opportunities.

<https://www.woodlandsmeed.co.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Bulletins&pid=143>

Glossary



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Labour Market Information (LMI): Refers to data and insights about the world of work — things like:

- What jobs exist and what they involve
- How many of those jobs are available
- What skills and qualifications are in demand
- Typical salaries and working conditions
- Which industries are growing or shrinking



Personal Guidance: Refers to individual, 1:1, impartial guidance in relation to transitions, education, work experience and the future. Elev8 Careers provides this service to Woodlands Meed and further information about them can be found here: <http://www.elev8careers.org.uk/>



Compass+ Report:

The database that is used to record all careers related activity your child is offered, and/or attends, including: labour market information, encounters with employers/employees, workplace visits, work experience, encounters with further education and personal guidance.



National Careers Service

The NCS website provides careers advice and guidance that can help young people make decisions about their career.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

West Sussex - Your Futures

Your Futures website is a careers education information hub for young people with SEND; to access up to date and relevant labour market information in an accessible format.

<https://careershwbsh.yourfutures.uk/>

Parent Pledge

SHARE YOUR CAREER STORY!

You can make a difference to a young person's future!

Whatever career path you have taken, you can inspire, educate and encourage young people with SEND by sharing the knowledge and experiences you have gained along the way.

- “ Did you know that parents and carers are the biggest influencers on young people's future aspirations?
- “ Did you know that conversations about careers can have a positive impact on motivation and attitude to success?
- “ Did you know by sharing stories about your career and life path you can make a positive impact on the lives of young people with SEND?

The MJC team are preparing students for a successful transition from school and college and we would like your help!

Our students can't be what they can't see! There are lots of ways you can get involved please contact the Meed's Job Club for more information about how to get involved.

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Phone: 01444 244133 ext: 3028

