

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER!

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

KEY STAGE 3

HUGE SUCCESS!

90% ENJOYED THE DAY

67% WENT IN PERSON

89% WOULD DO IT AGAIN

This year we launched our very first Take Your Child to Work Day for Key Stage 3 pupils and the response from our school community was fantastic. Pupils visited workplaces across more than 20 sectors, from hospitals and construction sites to film studios and Warrington Wolves.

The results from our pupil survey make for wonderful reading.

PUPILS WHO TOOK PART IN PERSON REPORTED GETTING FAR MORE OUT OF THE EXPERIENCE!

PLEASE SIGN Y10 PUPILS UP NOW FOR JULY 1ST!

SUCCESS & NEXT STEPS

Following pupil feedback, TYCTWD will become an annual event.

We are also planning to extend it to Year 10 in July.

Next year we will also provide Year 10 pupils with the opportunity to complete TYCTWD in September annually, and to complete a week's work experience in the summer term.

We will provide further guidance for parents hosting pupils at their place of work.

COULD YOU SUPPORT US WITH CAREER FAIRS OR ENRICHMENT DAYS?

We are especially keen to hear from anyone working in engineering, law, technology, or the creative industries. Please contact our Careers Lead at careers@lowtoncofe.co.uk

WORK EXPERIENCE GAVE ME...

Understanding of working life: Pupils described a real sense of what a working day looks like and how hard a job can be.

Practical skills: Communication, financial literacy, organisational skills, trades, and more.

Career awareness and self-knowledge: Many pupils confirmed or revised their career aspirations. One decided teaching 'wasn't for them' – itself a valuable outcome.

Character and confidence: Patience, resilience, and confidence were frequently cited as personal gains.

PUPIL VOICE AND FEEDBACK



PUPILS SAID...

Yr 9: 'I'm very glad I had the opportunity. It was a really good experience of what work will be like.'

Yr 8: 'I loved it. I was offered a Saturday job but I live too far away.'

Yr 9: 'It taught me just how hard a real job is – although I greatly enjoyed the day.'

Yr 7: 'I hope we do it again next year. I really learnt quite a bit and met new people.'

Yr 8: 'Honestly, probably the most fun I've had. I wish I got the chance to stay longer.'

Yr 9: 'I got a great sense of achievement. It was amazing being in the outdoors all day.'

INSPIRING FUTURES AT THE CHANGEMAKERS EVENT!

We had a wonderful day at The Brick Community Stadium with Year 10 girls as part of International Women's Week activities. Our pupils took part in the inspiring Changemakers event. It was a joy to see them speak with amazing women from a range of High-Profile careers (Law, Football, Rugby, Business and Event Management), learning about their journeys and discovering exciting possibilities for their own futures. After a shared lunch, our pupils enjoyed fun, hands-on workshops that encouraged teamwork, creativity, and confidence.



WHAT AN INCREDIBLE ENRICHMENT DAY! ED2 SPRING TERM 2

Our school was buzzing as we welcomed Regional and Local employers and industry experts for our second Careers Fair of this academic year. From interactive stalls (AA, Jet2.com) to hands-on demonstrations (DYSON Engineering), our pupils have been busy exploring a huge range of future pathways.

A massive thank you to our guest speakers (Fire - John Harding, BBC - Kate Lamb, EQI Finance - Keith Thompson, GMMH NHS - David Bibby, Believe in Your Future Wigan Council, DIAS - Charlotte Braidwood, HOBY UK and Musician Charlie Aky) who shared their inspiring career journeys and gave our students a real-world look at life after school.

Whether it's apprenticeships, university, or heading straight into the workforce, the future is looking bright!



EXCITING NEWS!

EKO STEM back at Lowton!

We were delighted to welcome back EKO STEM to Lowton, with an inspiring session led by Claire Garside. Our KS3 pupils explored hands-on activities that sparked curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving. It was wonderful to see them engage with new ideas and grow in confidence as young innovators.

Thank you to Eko STEM for a joyful and motivating experience.

Lowton now part of Wigan MEGA Hub

Lowton are one of only 6 schools in the Wigan area to be invited to take part in the MEGA Hub pilot phase. Students don't just hear about Tech careers – they experience them – hands on, in a real college environment, like real professionals do!



FROM LEIGH TO CAMBRIDGE!

We hosted a very special guest: Rebecca Williams, a Cambridge University PhD researcher and former local Leigh student!

Currently completing her PhD in Neuroscience and specialising in dementia research, Rebecca is proof of what our local students can achieve.

She chatted with our pupils about her life at Cambridge and careers in Science & Research.

Rebecca shared her journey from school to Winstanley College to Oxford onto Cambridge University to complete her PhD.

It's always inspiring for Lowton pupils to see our community's talent giving back to the next generation.

SAMPLING FOR YEAR 10

We are entering a busy and exciting time for Year 10 pupils who will be taking part in a College Sampling Days at local colleges. Pupils have visited Wigan & Leigh College in March and have the choice to visit Winstanley, St John Rigby, Warrington & Vale Royal and Priestley College over Summer Term.

Reminder!

Any Questions?

Speak to your Form Tutor or visit the Careers Team in G6.

Mrs Ashton & Mrs O'Hara-Moore are here to help!