Inspiring Dorset Secondary Launch Event
Thursday 4 April 2019
EVENT FEEDBACK REPORT
Based on 122 pupils’ and 20 volunteers’ responses

Student Feedback

- 59% think activities like today’s are helpful when thinking about their future
- 54% learnt something new and useful in terms of pursuing a career ambition
- 42% said today’s event helped them gather more information about their options after education
- 30% are now more confident in what career they want to do after talking to volunteers
- 59% think activities like today’s are helpful when thinking about their future
- 31% students are now considering pathways into particular jobs (vocations, apprenticeships, university) as a result of talking to volunteers
- 47% felt today’s event has motivated them to study harder
- 54% of students would like the chance to meet more volunteers and take part in an activity like this again
- 54% felt this event was a little or a lot more informative than other career related activities they’ve done before

The highlight of the event for students was...

- "Learning skills to take into a working environment"
- "That I know what I want to be when I am older"
- "Asking about how they achieve their goals"
- "Learning different people's stories of their successes"
- "Getting information for the future"
- "Finding out about jobs I haven't thought about doing"
- "It was a more real way of talking to people about their careers"
- "I gained confidence to talk to new people"
- "Career paths and how to get there"
- "How to write a CV and how to get into university"
- "If they knew what job they wanted when they were our age"
- "How they deal with stress"
- "What the daily basis for different jobs were like"
- "How they got their job"
- "How GCSE’s affected their choices"

62% of young people felt like they got a chance to talk to volunteers about the things they wanted to. They wanted to find out from volunteers:
Volunteer feedback

84% of volunteers found the event extremely worthwhile.
92% rated the event 8/10 or higher.
70% would be very likely to sign up to Inspiring the Future.

Why did volunteers participate in this event?

85% of volunteers wanted to help young people see why learning is important.
75% of volunteers wanted to engage in their local community.
60% wanted to raise awareness of their job role/sector for young people.
40% volunteered for enjoyment, Corporate Social Responsibility and to support the future pipeline for their organisation/sector.

How did volunteers benefit from this event?

95% said it made them feel like they can make a difference to young people.
50% felt like they can be part of the local community.
30% gained a real sense of achievement.
15% gained more confidence by trying something new and that they learnt new skills and gained experience.

What volunteers felt worked about the event:

- ‘Lots of students/diverse volunteers’
- ‘Excellent pre-planning’
- ‘Speed dating structure - ensures it flows, there’s no strained silence & gives visitors feedback loop’
- ‘Students were well briefed’

Other comments:

- ‘This is brilliant and important. Well done!’
- ‘thank you for inviting us’
- ‘All good other than the heating’
- ‘Would be even better with another additional type of activity’
- ‘Great work!’
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