



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

We are now in the second year of an amazing pilot project with Gaia Innovation.

Gaia Innovation has been working closely with The Buckingham School to deliver and support high quality careers experience/opportunities, advice and guidance. Gaia Innovation have offered students the opportunity to work as shadow employees, visit Silverstone Park to tour many of the companies based there and to receive visitors to the School from Silverstone Business Park to work with our students.

The recent Inspiration Day hosted through Gaia Innovation has been a resounding success with our students in Year 9.

We will continue to work with Gaia Innovation and their associates to deliver an enriched quality Careers Programme to the students across the School.

Gaia Innovation was set up through Julia Muir, CEO Gaia Innovation and Founder of the Automotive 30% Club. Julia and her team of colleagues set up and hosted a brilliant Careers Day to the whole of Year 9 and some Year 12 students. This type of Careers Day has never been hosted at the School; it is only the second day of its kind to be hosted in a UK school.

There were three vehicles delivered to School for the students to have a good look around, to fully appreciate the range of careers linked to the Automobile Industry and how employment in this sector is changing in the future. Girls, in particular, were encouraged to find out more about the career pathways into the industry as it continues to be a male dominated workplace.

Alex Smith, Managing Director of Volkswagen Group UK, started the day as our Key Note Speaker before students participated in a carousel of activities around the School, hosted by more than forty business people who attended the event to support our students throughout the day.

The Buckingham University sponsored the event and delivered a really engaging workshop to the students around entrepreneurialism.

We cannot thank Gaia Innovation and the Buckingham University enough for the time and effort that went into such a successful engaging day at the School.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



Many students across the School have been working with people from Gaia Innovation last year and continue to do so this year.

If you would like to find out more about the day, please follow the media links below. We really encourage you to follow the day on Twitter at the links below to find out more and should you want to find out more about the Careers work taking place in School, please contact Mr. Cunningham for further information.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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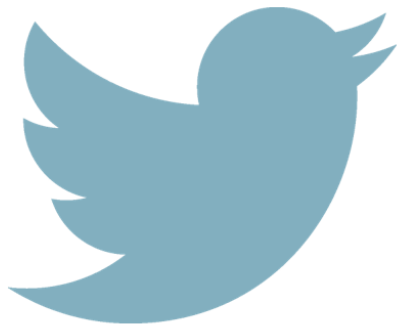


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