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Drop-in Sessions

Although assembly talks are a fantastic way to introduce a subject to a large audience and give them an insight into a job, company, or industry, this flurry of information often leaves students with questions. Follow-up drop-in sessions give pupils the perfect opportunity to find out the answers.

Often taking place during lunchtime, these relaxed sessions involve small groups meeting with business leaders to ask questions, receive more information, and develop their understanding on a more granular level.

Although we encourage organisations who hold assembly talks to also arrange follow-up drop-in sessions, that doesn't mean they are siloed. Gloucester Academy would be more than happy to arrange drop-in sessions with businesses who would prefer to connect with students on a more personal level.

Mutual Benefits

The private and relaxed atmosphere of a lunchtime drop-in session allows even the most shy and reluctant of students to ask questions and interact with visitors. The small audience means conversation topics can be tailored to ensure students receive the information they want and learn at a comfortable speed.

If your drop-in session is following on from a school visit or assembly talk, you can capitalise on the excitement and interest generated by your first visit.

Large audiences often deter young people from asking questions, whether they are shy or feel embarrassed.

By holding a more intimate drop-in session, you enable students who were compelled by your visit and want to know more to interact with you on a personal level, ask questions that previously went unspoken, and develop their burgeoning passion to work in your industry.

How to Get Involved

When arranging an assembly talk, consider scheduling a drop-in appointment the next day, while the subject remains at the forefront of our students' thinking. To book a session, call **01452 428800** or email Mike Steward at **msteward@gloucesteracademy.com**. In terms of preparation, drop-in sessions tend to be guided more by students than the visiting business leaders, meaning only minor pre-planning is necessary.