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One-to-one Mentoring

When it comes to planning ahead and mapping out the future, some students need more help than others. Teenagers face many challenges during their time in secondary school, not least handling the pressure of choosing a job or industry to aspire toward.

Gloucester Academy is taking an innovative approach to help our young students think about their career at an early age. We are looking for experienced members of businesses or organisations to volunteer as mentors for our year 7 students. Three meeting periods take place every year, and during each period, mentors will have a brief meeting with each of their students. To ensure each student receives the advice they need, we only assign between six and 10 pupils to each mentor.

During meetings, you will discuss the opportunities available to the students, supporting their career choices and guiding them through their first year at secondary school. The students will also lean on you for advice and to answer any questions they have about their career path or employment in general.

Mutual Benefits

Understanding the diverse range of career opportunities and narrowing them down to a select few can be overwhelming for teenagers, especially those who are unsure of the path they wish to follow.

The support of a mentor is extremely comforting for them, as they know someone with experience is there to help and guide them. Your assistance and advice is invaluable; it helps students embrace the challenge, motivates them to think about their future, and inspires

them to actively anticipate entering the world of work.

From your perspective, this is an opportunity to be involved in a cutting-edge approach to careers advice in schools. Mentoring our students also affords an insight into the issues and confusion young people face every day and gives you an understanding of what teenagers expect from job advertisements and potential employers, meaning your next recruitment campaign can be designed with them in mind.

How to Get Involved

To offer your support as a student mentor, call the school office on **01452 428800** or email Mike Steward at **msteward@gloucesteracademy.com**. We are always excited about bringing new mentors into the school to support our students, and we would be delighted to discuss the role with you further.