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Work Tasters

Experience of a real-life working environment is invaluable for students as they begin to plan their career path. Work tasters are one of the ways that we offer students at Gloucester Academy an insight into the world of work.

The tasters can take two forms. One involves a one-off visit from a group of students that exposes them to a working environment and the typical activities that occur during the working day. The size of the group and length of the visit are dependent on your availability and place of work.

The second option involves a smaller group of between one and five year 10 students regularly visiting your business on afternoon placements. These visits are the perfect introduction for students who are interested in your field. Placements may be more practical than one-off visits, with tuition and hands-on experience being introduced as the students become more familiar with your work environment. The dates for the placements will be dependent on your availability.

Mutual Benefits

Taking on students for work experience is a big commitment that lasts for a week at a time, and we understand that a lot of organisations are unable to facilitate long visits. Work taster sessions, however, offer your business a great opportunity to connect with students on a one-off basis, or regularly, but for shorter periods of time.

During the visits, students develop a real understanding of your company, your industry, and the work that you do. What's more, they also build an appreciation for

your company, culture, and the working environment you create. This positive impression can be enough to make them apply for jobs at your firm in the future, or become loyal and regular customers.

For students, the taster sessions help them become more familiar with the world of work, which will ease their nerves before starting their first job after leaving school.

How to Get Involved

If you would like to host a one-off taster session or regular afternoon placements at your business, please call Gloucester Academy on **01452 428800** or email Mike Steward at **msteward@gloucesteracademy.com**. We will work with you to arrange suitable times and determine the size of the group and the length of the visit.