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## Workshops

During alternative curriculum days at Gloucester Academy, students are off-timetable. Instead of taking their usual classes, they spend the day working on personal and practical skills, including those related to employability. One of the principal careers activities enjoyed by our year 7 and year 8 students on alternative curriculum days are workshops.

Primarily, the workshops are focused on practical, hands-on activities designed to help students develop

their practical skill sets. Organisations who host the workshops have control over the activities that take place – the materials used, the lessons taught, and the skills learned – meaning the workshop can be tailored to reflect the work that takes place in their industry.

The workshops run for an hour, which ensures that students are engaged throughout and the business leaders have enough time to interact with and guide each individual student.

### Mutual Benefits

Many sectors struggle to fill vacancies with candidates who possess the right skills to perform in the role. This leads to expensive training and long introductory periods before new employees are ready to contribute.

Workshops are a great way to introduce the next generation to the key skills your employees need. Not only will this improve the standard of candidates for your future vacancies, but it also minimises the cost of training should you employ a student at your company.

Correspondingly, these workshops equip students with valuable hands-on experience as well as practical skills that they may not otherwise learn. At Gloucester Academy, we focus on increasing the employability of our students', and diversifying their skill set is a great way to do it.

## How to Get Involved

Get in touch with the school office on **01452 428800** or email Mike Steward at **msteward@gloucesteracademy.com** to find out when our next alternative curriculum day is taking place. You can then choose a one-hour time slot to conduct your workshop. When devising the activities taking place during the workshop, please check that the resources and materials you wish to bring are permitted for use inside the school.