

'Future Me' Event Case Study

Speed Networking for Year 8 - Wednesday 15th January 2025

Outline of the Event

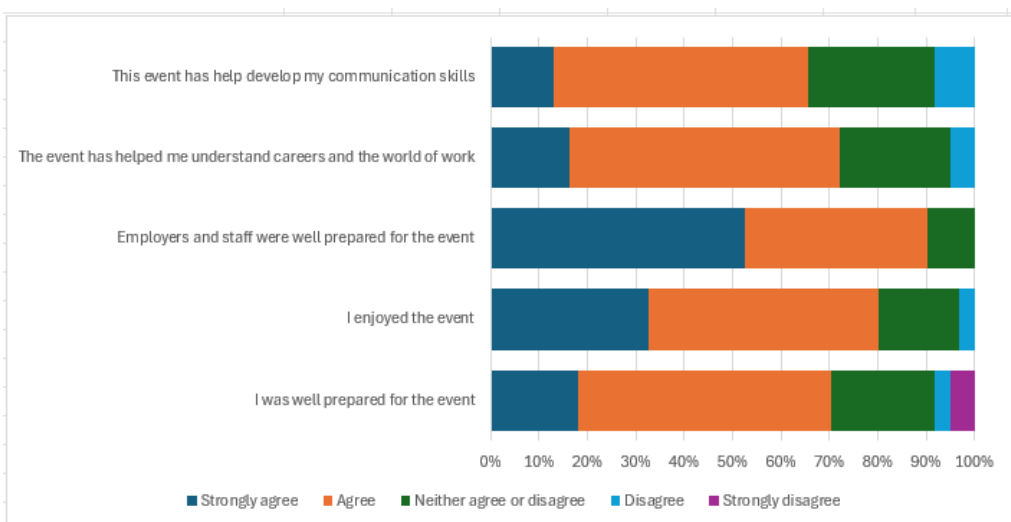


The Speed Networking event for Year 8 aimed to increase their confidence, develop communication skills (both speaking and listening) and introduce student encounters with employers/ and employees. 12 varied employers, including Wrekin Housing, Shropshire Council, WSP Engineering, Fine & Country, the Fire Service and Palethorpes talked to small groups of Year 8 students about what a day in the life in their careers looks like.

The expectation was that students had a meaningful encounter with at least five to six different employers.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 1, 2, 4 & 5

Feedback (Students)



What worked well in this encounter (what the students thought)?

'Be yourself and be brave – I was shy before but asked questions and really got into it.'

'I loved meeting everyone and learning about their jobs'

'I learnt what skills I need for certain jobs.'

How could this event be even better (what the students thought)?

'Having the time to meet all the employers' 'More variety of jobs' 'Not a lot, I really enjoyed it.'

Employers' comments

'[The] event was brilliant, we were really happy to attend and wanted to say thank you for having us. We look forward to more events at The Grove School in the future.' WSP Engineering

'Thank you once again for the opportunity. I think the 'Future Me' programme is an excellent initiative and I'm happy to add whatever I can to support this excellent cause. I think it was a great event and it was good to meet some other local business people from the town and surrounding area too.' Fine & Country