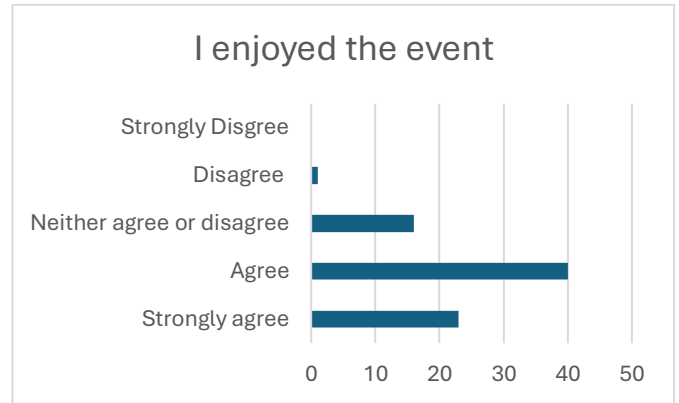


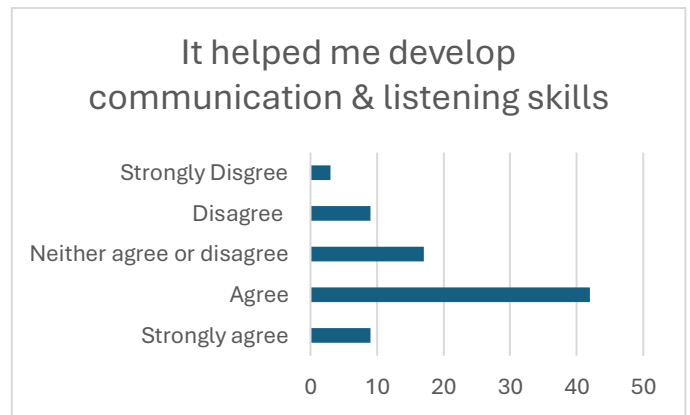
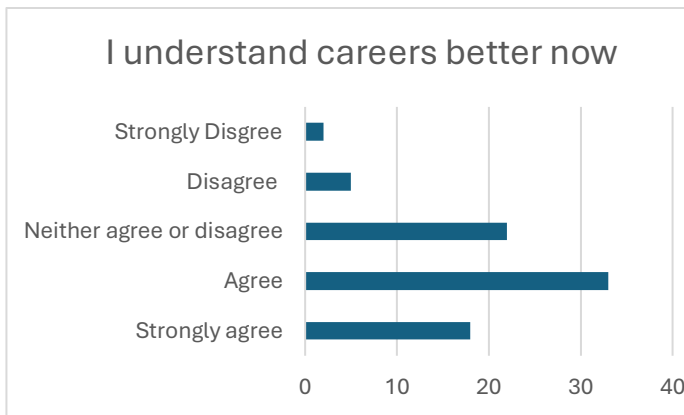
## Speed Networking for Year 8 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026



The Speed Networking event for Year 8 aimed to increase their confidence, develop communication skills (both speaking and listening) and introduce the students to encounters with employers and employees. 14 employers, including Wrekin Housing, Shropshire Council, WSP Engineering, Fine & Country, Evans Construction, Teaching, the Fire Service and NHS 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 six or seven employers.

**Gatsby Benchmarks:** 1, 2, 4 & 5

### Feedback (Students)



### Students - What worked well in this encounter?

'They explained their jobs really well.'

'I got ideas about jobs.'

### Students - How could this event be even better?

'Having time to meet all the employers'

'More different jobs'

'Not a lot, I really enjoyed it.'

### Employers' comments

*'[The] event was well organised, and it feels like a very positive engagement experience for the students.'*

*'It was a great event, and the students are a credit to the Grove. They asked great questions and showed real interest.'*