

Industry Mentoring

We have links with over 30 business organisations. The Industry Mentoring initiative, ran by Sarah Barley, sees students in Year 12 and 13 being paired up with representatives from local businesses who will share their skills, knowledge and experience to give the young people the best possible preparation for the working world.

Students receive one-to-one support in areas such as CV building, university and job applications, work experience placements and even more day-to-day skills such as time management and organisation. The scheme has gradually grown since it was started in September 2016, with many more local businesses registering their interest in the scheme. The scheme is designed to help bridge the gap between education and employment and showcases to the businesses what talent is emerging from Driffield School and Sixth Form. Through this scheme, businesses have the opportunity to get to know the school and what our young people have to offer and it is also very positive for the development of the students as it takes careers guidance beyond the classroom.

So far, students who are interested in certain industries have been paired with mentors already operating within that sector. For example we have accountants, engineers, health care managers etc. all working with young people looking for opportunities within that industry. The impact of this programme is already clearly visible. One student, Adam Storey was e-mentored by an employee at Rolls Royce during his apprenticeship application and was successful in gaining a place on their Higher Level Apprenticeship Programme along with Alistair Jacques from the Sixth Form. The scheme also saw Adam Sanders take up an apprenticeship in Driffield with Bradbury Accountants and Jack Martindale head off to Bristol to start an apprenticeship with Airbus.

We look forward to seeing how this scheme grows over the coming years.



Alistair Jacques on his initial team building week in Wales!