

Making a Difference | At a Glance

Jo Hedley
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World of Work Week

The PBP team worked with The Link to organise a World of Work Day for 56 pupils at the Cumbria Academy for Autism. The event brought in representatives from the Fire Brigade, Police dog handlers, and Kaefer to engage with the pupils.

“It enabled our pupils to have three employer encounters which were inspiring and interactive.” Jo Hedley, Teacher and Careers Lead

Jo Hedley, the Teacher and Careers Lead, expressed that the school's involvement was motivated by the desire to expose pupils to diverse career options.

“The pupils gained knowledge, experienced three different employer encounters, managed their anxieties in a new situation with lots of unfamiliar adults and were engaged and inspired. It was immensely helpful to have the PBP arrange this as their contacts and the organisation was fantastic. The school also gained further evidence towards achieving the Gatsby benchmarks. We also made more connections with employers and services that can help us with future careers events.”

“As a teacher, it was fantastic to witness the engagement with the session and listen to the positive feedback from the pupils”