



WORK EXPERIENCE PRESENTATION EVENING 2009



A group of eight GCSE students from Oakmeeds, Oathall and Downlands, who are currently undertaking a Young Apprentice Course, were given the task to organise and host an evening event. This was to be a work experience presentation evening. They were joined by their fellow students, local businesses and parents to showcase the variety of businesses visited, what they learnt from the experience and to thank the businesses involved.

The year 10 students at Oakmeeds Community College each completed a week of work experience. This involved over 200 students and over 100 businesses. Upon their return students created a presentation to explain what they did during their week and how they felt about their experience.

A selection of these presentations was shown to the local businesses, parents and governors that the students invited to come to this evening function. These



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included students working on flight simulators at Thales in Crawley, a circus workshop (complete with a juggling demonstration!) and one student's experience at a local golf course. During the course of the evening Nathan Miller, Regional Manager for Crown Golf gave an employer's eye view of work experience and the Colin Taylor, the Headteacher, presented certificates to students who had successfully completed their Level 1 NVQ in Business and Administration.

As Pat Johns, Director of Specialism at Oakmeeds said, " The purpose of the evening was to celebrate the students' experiences during the week and to thank the companies for their involvement. Oakmeeds is proud of its links with local businesses that have been developed over many years and this was a way of thanking those involved".

Some of the companies that attended were Icon Live Limited, Balcombe Glass and Cottesmore Golf and Country Club.