



# Flying Start Newsletter

**Keeping you up to date with the latest news and developments in Williamwood's Flying Start Initiative.**

## *Programme launch on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August*

*Our wine and nibbles launch event was a great success.*

This evening was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to come along to this event. All of our speakers were in agreement that involvement with business, commerce and industry outside the school environment helps our pupils make informed choices about their future careers. As a result of the evening, many of our guests signed up to help us in the following categories:

### ♣ **Offers of work experience.**

Familiarity with a working environment can make all the difference to pupils looking to secure apprenticeships and vocational training. Likewise, the opportunity to observe a profession first hand can help a young person decide if a career is right for them. The offer to help out with work experience is a great help and we are grateful to everyone who signed up for this aspect of Flying Start.

### ♣ **School visits to discuss career paths.**

Not everyone is able to invite a pupil into their place of work, but giving a few hours to talk to pupils is an invaluable help. Almost all of our guests signed up for this useful role and it will allow pupils to make informed choices

### ♣ **Interview practice.**

Practising interview techniques with employers will give our pupils an edge in these competitive times. We are grateful to those people who have signed up to this initiative to share their experience in how to achieve success at an interview.

### ♣ **Our portfolio scheme.**

Our guests contributed to our career portfolio database, designed to help pupils understand the day-to-day activities involved in different careers.

*The Flying Start Initiative has recruited help in a variety of categories.*

## *Careers Evening Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October*

*Visit us at  
the Parent  
Council  
Flying  
Start Stand*

### **Parent Council flying Start Stand**

The Careers evening is a great opportunity for pupils to consider what they intend to do when they leave school and it is always very well attended. However, to be offered any job – whether it is a dream position at the end of an academic struggle, or a part-time post for extra cash - every young person must create a competent CV and perform well at interview. At the Careers evening, **The Parent Council Flying Start** will be signing up pupils for mock interviews and CV advice.

The pupils who sign up on the night will be invited along to a separate event in early November, which will focus on developing an effective CV and will provide the pupils with the opportunity to undergo a mock interview.

*Volunteers  
needed to help us  
practise mock  
interviews with  
pupils. If you can  
help us for an  
evening in  
November, please  
get in touch*

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event in November; ideally those of you who have had some experience interviewing candidates. We are not targeting any specific careers at this event, but rather aiming at giving the pupils the confidence to apply for part-time work. If you think you can help us with this, please get in touch at [info@whs-pc.co.uk](mailto:info@whs-pc.co.uk),

The Flying Start Initiative is all about building a network of support for Williamwood pupils from the Williamwood parent body. If you know anyone who might be in a position to help us, or who may be interested in getting involved with **The Parent Council** and **The Flying Start Initiative**, please tell them about this newsletter.



*Best wishes from*

*The Parent Council Flying Start*

