



Flying Start Newsletter

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

The Flying Start Initiative aims to help our pupils make informed choices about their future careers by drawing on the collective experience of Williamwood parents.

We have tailored the Flying Start Initiative to work with the school's development team.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the Flying Start project so far. You may not all have received a call back from the school, but your willingness to help give our pupils advice and support for their future careers is still very much appreciated.

We are always looking for experience in many different fields, so if you are new to the school, or have not yet previously signed up, please do so.

We work closely with the development staff at Williamwood, who use the Flying Start database to put pupils in touch with our volunteers. This way, pupils interested in certain careers can speak directly to knowledgeable insiders and receive their guidance and support.

Here is a list of some of the activities our *Flying Start* volunteers have performed this year:

♣ **Coaching for the Oxbridge interview.**

Our volunteers worked one-to-one with pupils interested in trying for the notoriously demanding interviews for Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

♣ **Medical professionals conducting mock interviews.**

A number of doctors and dentists volunteered to help our prospective medical students prepare their applications for university. This included sharing interview techniques and advice on UCAS forms and volunteering.

♣ **Talks from Professionals.**

A wide range of different professionals have been called in to the school by the development team to give talks to groups of pupils. Careers that the pupils were interested in ranged from HR to Events Management to Writers and Illustrators: all prompted by suggestions from pupils who hoped to gain insight into these careers. Feedback from our pupils was very positive and all the students felt they had gained from the experience

Our Flying Start volunteers have been giving guidance to lots of pupils.

We still need your help

For this year we are actively looking for parents to help us with skills workshops in both the upper and lower schools. We all need help with career talks, interview techniques or even possible work placement opportunities that you think you could offer to any of our pupils. If you think you can help, please contact us at:

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