







# Information for Employers

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#### Local employers and businesses – we need your expertise

Inspire young minds

Being part of our employer support network will provide you with moments of great satisfaction. Striving to make a difference can also be an exciting challenges. Having employers like you helping to inspire young minds and transform attitudes through a range of activities and opportunities is the foundation of an excellent careers programme as set out by the Gatsby Foundation eight Benchmarks of good practice.

https://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance

 Soar Valley College has the benefit of a key business volunteer who works with us on a strategic level, encouraging the development of our careers programme. This role is recognised nationally as and Enterprise Adviser (EA) and they are part of the Leicester and Leicestershire community of support driving the connection between careers education and the business sector. Our Enterprise Adviser is Sarah Bird, Personnel Manager of Leicester Space Centre.

### Ways to support;

- Give an inspiring talk based on your industry or job role
- Provide a coaching / mentoring service through a structured programme
- Run a hands on workshop with activities relating your area of expertise
- Be part of our discussions about pathways after school
- Help champion specific issues and challenge barriers in the workplace around gender stereotyping and disability for example
- Help to contextualise a subject by linking it to your industry
- Offer a work experience placement for students at your business premises

## What to expect;

- By getting involved you will not only be supporting future workforce development and helping to broaden the minds of the young people but you will also be developing new skills for your staff, forging community links and building a positive profile for your company.
- We will support you throughout your visit to us to ensure we maximise the use of your valuable time. Our Careers Leader is Ms Claire Houlton (<a href="mailto:choulton@soarvalley.Leicester.sch.uk">choulton@soarvalley.Leicester.sch.uk</a>) and they will;
- Be your main point of contact for all enquiries
- Organise pre- meets / discussions/information for activities you get involved in
- Provided your details of the local arrangements including parking, facilities and safeguarding policy.
- Conduct a short evaluation with you to ensure we are getting things right
- With your permission, add you to our network and keep you up to date with future activities



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