



Careers Week 2021

During the week of the 15th-19th March 2021, our school hosted its first full Careers Week, which included many exciting activities for all Year Groups!

Students in Years 10 and 11 took part in our "Virtual Work Experience". As you can imagine, most schools have not been able to offer Work Experience due to the pandemic, so we are delighted that our students have had the opportunity to participate in this programme. The activities were facilitated by Sainsbury's. Our huge thanks go to Bernard White, the Chair of our Local Academy Board, and his colleagues for giving up their time and utilising their experience to make this happen.

Students were able to listen to various presentations and associated activities that explored a wide range of jobs within Sainsbury's, from marketing to logistics to being a store manager. Students had lots of questions and learned a vast amount. Student feedback was incredibly positive, and when asked what they had learned, they stated:

- "How important different skills are to get the desired job and how big a shop's team is"
- "A bigger understanding of Sainsbury's jobs and jobs in general."
- "There are more jobs under Sainsbury's that I did not know about."

and

- "That Sainsbury's has A LOT of lorry's!"

As part of the project, students also had to create a presentation on a choice of topics, the results of which were incredibly impressive and showed how much hard work and effort the students put in. Twelve students were shortlisted, all of whom received an R4. The winner was Callum Button in Year 11, who created a presentation all about Sainsbury's and received a £50 Amazon voucher as a reward!

What is Sainsbury's?

Sainsbury's is the second largest chain of supermarkets in the UK. They have a 16% share of the supermarket sector, and it was founded in 1869, by John James Sainsbury. In 1922, they became the largest retailer of groceries, until 1995 when Tesco overtook them. Sainsbury's major competitor in the retail business would be Asda.



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Button,
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Students in Key Stage 3 also took part in various activities, including careers-based lessons across all subject areas, assemblies, and activities posted on the START website.

Many students commented on the usefulness of the START website! If you have not yet done so, please explore this using the link from the school website.

<https://www.goffschurchgate.herts.sch.uk/811/start-online-careers-platform>

Finally, we were hugely excited to launch our innovative "Employer Encounters" page on the school website. This page is our commitment to exposing students to a wide range of jobs and employers despite the current pandemic restrictions. I would urge you to explore this page with your children, and if you would like to contribute, please do feel free to contact Sarah Baker, Vice Principal, s.baker@goffschurchgate.herts.sch.uk

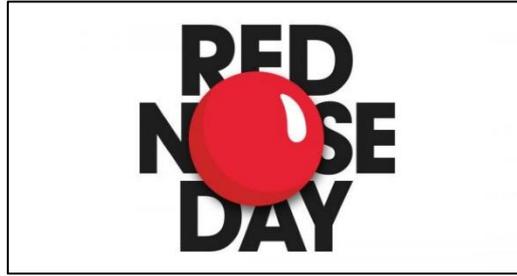
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Employer Encounters

Welcome to our Employer Encounters page. We would like to thank all of our partners and supporters for contributing to this invaluable resource. Please take the time to review these fantastic videos which provide our students with such insightful advice into a wide range of careers. If you would like to contribute to this page please contact Sarah Baker (Vice Principal) s.baker@goffschurchgate.herts.sch.uk



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Friday 19th March 2021

On Friday, we had our Red Nose Day in support of Comic Relief. Everyone at the school can agree this was an astounding success, showcasing our school's community spirit and dedication to making the world a better place.

Our money tins soon filled up, and our Covid-safe ParentPay account did the same! Students enjoyed the day in non-uniform, sporting a red piece of clothing to recognise the brilliant work Comic Relief does while guessing who the teachers were in the baby photos!

Goffs-Churchgate has always been involved with the amazing work of charities across the country, and Red Nose Day is an excellent example of that. All of the Community and Charity Committee look forward to our next event in the Summer Term.

Goffs-Churchgate raised £341 – thank you to everyone for their support.

Grace Kitchener – Head of Community and Charity Committee



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