

THE NOTTINGHAM FURTHERS COMMUNITY COMMITMENT WITH CAREER SUPPORT FOR ACADEMY PUPILS

Nottingham, UK, 20th October 2020 - Local young people who will be making important career decisions in the coming years received a boost in the form of support and expertise from The Nottingham.

Pupils at Colonel Frank Seely Academy in Calverton, who had learning disrupted this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, were helped via interactive careers support organised by the building society and Louise Caunt, Careers Leader at the academy.

Over a week-long period pupils took part in an Employer Insight Week, which included daily lessons about The Nottingham, employability, money skills and career insights embedded through virtual work experience.

Head of People and Development at The Nottingham, Anne Leivers, said: "It is very challenging for many young people to decide on their important next steps, and that has been made even more difficult due to some of the complexities which Covid-19 has posed.

"We were delighted to go to the academy, albeit digitally, to share some of our expertise and answer any questions. We have also introduced a [Career Academy](#) section on our website, which we hope is a useful tool for young people everywhere."

Careers Leader at Colonel Frank Seely Academy, Louise Caunt, added: "It's fantastic to receive such positive input from a local employer who cares about engaging young people and making them aware of a variety of careers and business expectations.

"We are grateful to those staff who were prepared to give up valuable time and resource to get involved in helping our students learn about the careers and skills required for the modern world of work."

The Nottingham has kept communities at the forefront of its thoughts and support throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

It linked up with Colonel Frank Seely and South Nottinghamshire Academy (part of the Redhill Academy Trust), earlier in the year to support their World of Work week. Delivered virtually, this included tailored sessions and activities for the pupils to learn more about the world of work, higher education, and different roles within The Nottingham through 'employer spotlight' activities.

Its teams have also donated 220 hours of virtual volunteering time, including career insights and live Q&As with Trent Bridge's YouNG project, and 400 students were supported through virtual volunteering via Young Enterprise's East Midlands Company Programme finals.

In addition, 8,000 families in and around Nottingham logged on to [StoryParks](#) - a joint project between The Nottingham and Nottingham City Council - to take part in online learning and summer holiday activities.

The building society has helped 600 service users of homelessness charity Framework receive self-care packs, as well as a further 150 being supported with food parcels and 300 mobile phones distributed.

It also made donations that allowed Trussell Trust foodbanks in Nottinghamshire and across the country to prepare 3,000 emergency food packs, and provided the funds that meant 6,000 lonely and vulnerable people were able to talk to The Silver Line charity.

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