

This term, L11 were chosen to participate in a bespoke employer encounter, 'Creating and presenting their Green Village' co-delivered by Marie and Emily from Willmott Dixon.



Like other projects, this continues to highlight our Academy's commitment to achieving the Gatsby Benchmarks.

The project raised aspirations, challenged stereotypes whilst promoting equality and diversity. In addition, embedded various PSHE targets. For example, taking turns, team work, trust and groups in our community.

Throughout the encounter, our pre 16 learners demonstrated the following:

- Communicating effectively in a variety of contexts and situations
- Applied functional skills and knowledge learnt
- Promoted co-operation and respect for others
- Developed their understanding of the world of work and awareness of future options
- Adjusted and coped with change and working with unfamiliar people

All learners who participated were issued with industry cadet bronze certificates!!



### **Quote from Marie – Senior Social Value Manager at Willmott Dixon**

*"Being an Enterprise Adviser at the school I am already aware of the fantastic opportunities that are available for the students, however, encountering this first hand by delivering a 5 week careers themed programme with the students was above and beyond my expectations.*

*The students were so eager to learn, fully engaged and turned out some of the best projects that I have seen (And I have been delivering this programme for two years). Staff were amazing getting just as involved as the students and most importantly everyone had fun. Students were working out of their comfort zone by working in teams with peers that they hadn't previously worked with and presenting to a panel of employers and head teacher daunting for anyone but they were not fazed and performed to the highest standards.*

*I feel so proud of how far they have come in the past 5 weeks, the classroom was buzzing yesterday, I had a tear in my eye and on reflection it really does go to show that every student deserves a good careers education! And why I love my job ♡*

*Skills that learners developed included; (Sorry there are so many!), Listening, Problem Solving, Teamwork, Decision Making, Communication, Flexibility, Organisation, Time Management, Presentation, Creative Thinking, Calm Under Pressure, Initiative, Imagination and Dedication".*

### **Quote from Emily – Assistant Social Value Manager at Willmott Dixon**

*"As someone who is relatively new to the world of Social Value and Community Engagement, Calthorpe Academy was my first experience working with SEND people. I can honestly say I have never been made to feel more welcome in a school (or any establishment!) in my life. The students made me feel at home and I was blown away by their level of creativity and dedication to the Green Villages Enrichment programme.*

*The students are a credit to the school and I look forward to working with more of the pupils in the future when we hopefully continue to roll out the programme."*