



Careers & Employability Newsletter

Welcome back!

A busy start to 2025 has seen our year 10 DofE students take part in internal work experience placements to great success! Work experience (or WE for short) is a chance to try out options and to discover personal strengths and motivations - it provides one of the foundations of great careers education. (Gatsby benchmark 6).

Students looking for paid employment at MFC were supported in attending a number of exciting employment events. The employment team are always on hand to support with applications for jobs, further education, volunteer work...!



More on the Gatsby benchmarks below...

Words of Wisdom

Gary Smith is passionate about careers and often pops his head into my office to share his thoughts and ideas. I'd like to share his latest with you - the 'ABC of career development'.

Any job - Better job - Career

At MF we encourage the pursuit of aspirational goals. It is important, however, for our young people to recognise that the dream is unlikely to happen straight away. This is not to mean that the careers journey cannot be rich and fulfilling - we all have to start somewhere!

LMI

Labour Market Information can fall into two categories.



Hard LMI - gathered data directly from employers and/or the labour market on a geographic and/or sector basis to provide a statistical picture of current or projected employment and skills trends.

Soft LMI - refers to information collected through less official sources, like meetings or conversations with employers/employees. A young person's own experiences of a workspace can also provide valuable soft LMI.



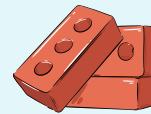
Job Spotlight



Search 'MYPATH Job of the Week - BRICKLAYER'

Potential Pathway

Students could leave MFS and attend MFC - studying the Construction Vocational Option before applying for the Level 1 Bricklaying course at Colchester Institute or Suffolk Rural. More info & links below!



Bricklayer students commonly get jobs as...

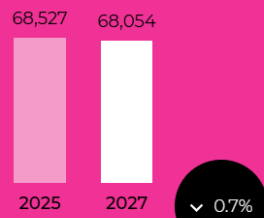
- 1. Bricklayers >
- 2. Plasterers >
- 3. Construction and building trades >
- 4. Stonemasons and related trades >
- 5. Elementary construction occupations >



Bricklayers

National average
£30,940

East of England average for this job is £30,951



<https://www.marketfieldcollege.co.uk/our-programme-pathways>



<https://www.colchester.ac.uk/course/bricklaying-diploma-level-1-and-2/>



<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/courses/detail/bricklaying-construction-2/>

Worth Having a Look...

Suffolk New/Rural are hosting open events in March:

<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/college-life/events/open-events/>

Colchester Institute are hosting an apprenticeship open evening on February 13th:

<https://www.colchester.ac.uk/event/apprenticeship-information-evening/>

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The Gatsby Benchmarks

The Gatsby benchmarks define what world class careers provision in education looks like and provide a clear framework for organising the careers provision at school or college. The benchmarks are enshrined in statutory guidance and it is the responsibility of the Careers Leader to oversee their implementation in the education setting.

- 1 A stable careers programme
- 2 Learning from careers and labour market information
- 3 Addressing the needs of each student
- 4 Linking curriculum learning to careers
- 5 Encounters with employers and employees
- 6 Experiences of workplaces
- 7 Encounters with further and higher education
- 8 Personal guidance



You can find out more about how Market Field School and College are doing in relation the Gatsby benchmarks by reading our Careers Strategy which can be found here:

<https://www.marketfieldcollege.co.uk/employability>

An assessment is completed at the end of each term on Compass +. This is completed in collaboration with the SEND representative from the Careers & Enterprise Company, Charlotte Harris, and Hazel Govia, Careers Lead.



National Story Telling Week

National Storytelling Week will be taking place from Saturday 1 February to Sunday 9 February. Stories teach us about the world; teach us empathy and support the development of essential literacy skills. If you are an avid storyteller or illustrator, here are some competitions to take part in:



<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-writing-competitions/>

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