



We really value our relationship with the Business Partnership. We are very proud to be running a sixth form elective which enables students to work with our design and production teams. I hope the students get as much satisfaction from our working with schools initiatives as we at **Pace** do. We enjoy being able to make a difference.

Nicholas Cleeve
Managing Director of **Pace**, Clevedon.



After the careers fair I am much clearer about what I want to do and what grades I need to help me do it.

Year 11 Student



The mock interviews helped me know what to expect from an employer.

Year 10 Student



I was asked if I could interview some of Gordano School's Year 10 students in relation to an application for a legal apprenticeship that was part of their Employability programme. I interviewed seven students and can genuinely say that I was very impressed by all of them. For me one of the most revealing aspects of the day was seeing how responsible and diligent the students were in relation to both their studies and their extra-curricular activities. They were a credit to themselves and their school and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this volunteering opportunity to anyone who would like to see a more positive picture of young people than the one we are often given by the media.

Mike Fenn, Trainer/Adviser
Acas South West



Meeting the employers and hearing about their jobs is very interesting.

Year 9 Student



If you are interested in taking part at any of our events, please contact us for further information:

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About Lighthouse Business Partners

Lighthouse Business Partners builds effective and meaningful relationships with businesses and provides up-to-date industry knowledge for 14 to 19 year olds as they consider their transition into post-16 education and progression into higher education, apprenticeships or employment.

The Business Partnership was established in 2015 as Gordano Partners and has since expanded to incorporate all three secondary schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership: Gordano School, Backwell School and Chew Valley School with all schools rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted. This exciting development sees the business partnership continue to grow and provide further business and career opportunities for over 4500 students across the Trust.

Businesses have identified a number of reasons for working with schools. These include helping to close the gap between their needs and education provision, making sure enough young people are thinking about careers in their sectors and improving recruitment as part of their commitment to the local communities in which they operate.

Employer engagement is a key aspect of our Business Partnership and can include: mentoring activities, work experience, guest speakers, links to alumni, careers fairs and networking events. Partners have the opportunity amongst other benefits to increase their community profile, get involved in business and careers related events, receive invites to business partnership events and exclusive partnership discounts on lettings of school facilities.

Benefits

Some of the main benefits to businesses are included below:

- Enrich and enhance the delivery of education and careers to young people in the North Somerset area and create greater awareness of and interest in your sector
- Enhance your Company Social Responsibility (CSR) agenda, working with three high performing secondary schools across a wide range of areas
- Engage with our dynamic students through work experience, apprenticeship opportunities, networking sessions, and more
- Ability to use and promote Partnership status – we grant permission for businesses to use our partnership logo on publicity material and to advertise your support of schools within the wider community
- Invites to business partnership events including our bi-annual business breakfast event



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