

About the Programme

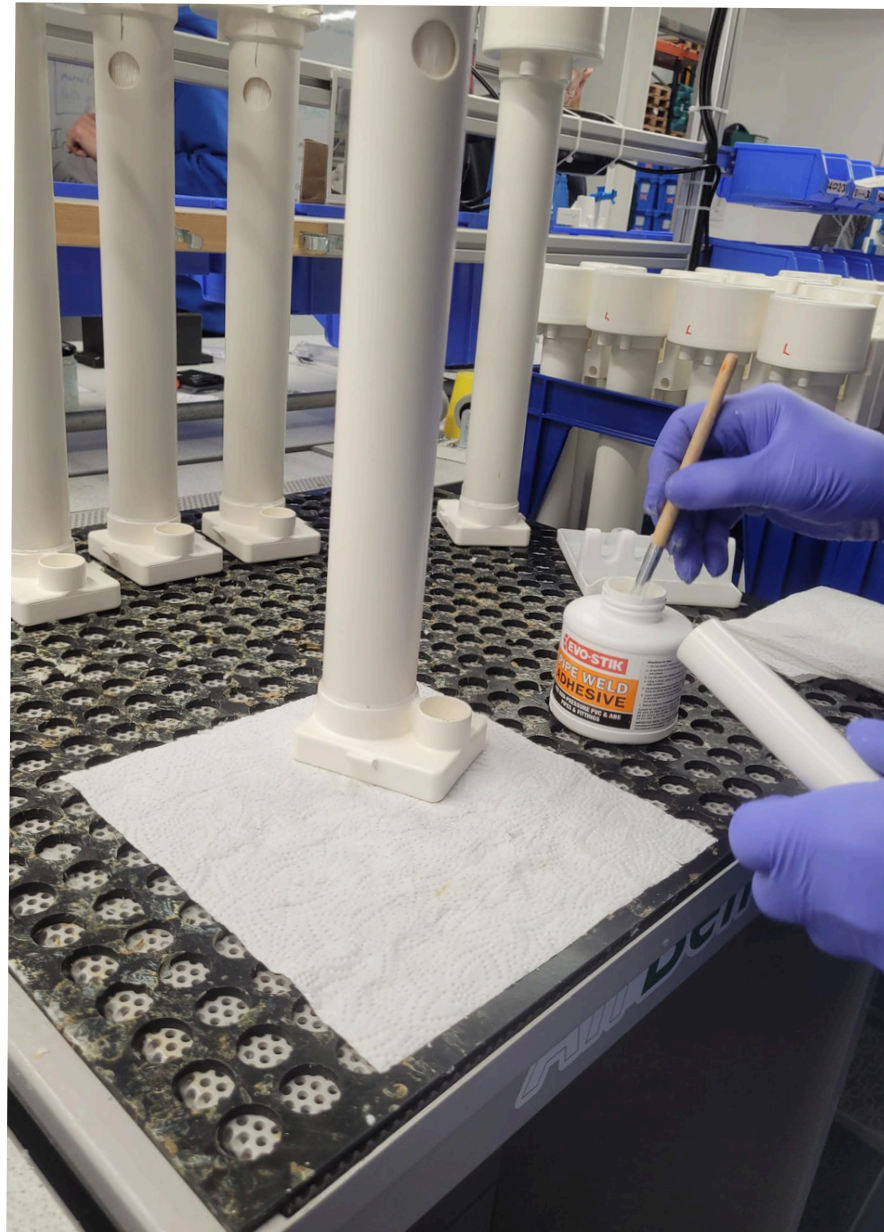
Open Doors is about inspiring young people into industry and building awareness of the many fantastic career opportunities available to them right on their doorstep. Through employer encounter days and workplace visits, students explore real workplaces, take part in career-related challenges, and learn about roles and pathways into future careers.

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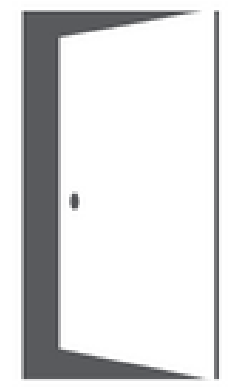
It was excellent and well organised. It was an experience which shows they have options when they leave school.

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Teacher on an Employer Visit



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Key Stage
3-5



Group size varies
dependent on
visit/encounter



Half/full day



Employer visits and
in-school or hosted
employer encounters

OUTCOMES

- ✓ Meaningful experiences of the workplace and meeting positive role models.
- ✓ Real-life application of what young people are learning in school.
- ✓ First-hand experience of local businesses and future employment opportunities.

In 2025/26, 450 students from 21 schools took part with 20 employers representing 9 different sectors.

Gatsby Benchmarks:

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Cost:

Funded by East Midlands Combined
County Authority.

ELIGIBILITY

- Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire schools.



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