

## Partnership Projects

Forging **partnerships** and building relationships with colleagues in industry and education/outside of Friars Academy are vital to the progress of our school. Not only does a partnership increase capacity and legitimise our journey, it provides new links with colleagues to learn new strategies and open up new opportunities for our students that we did not think were possible before.

Why it is important for Friars students – Impact on the students

In a constantly changing world, it is essential that our students carve out a life in the world of work. Our partnership projects have been created to provide a clear link between school and the world of work; to provide as many opportunities as possible for our students to get out into the real world and experience the benefits of meeting and working with new people whilst having the security of school around them.

The purpose

To provide a series of experiences for targeted cohorts of students that support them in the development of their life's toolkit; meeting and working alongside adults in a particular field; traveling to and from a place of work for a specified period of time; developing a role within a company; maintaining professional relationships with colleagues; understanding what it takes to survive a working environment that is different from the security of a classroom.

To support local companies in the development of their understanding of SEN; to dismantle the stigma of SEN and the role SEN students can play in their organisations.

Mutual relationships have been established with local companies who are prepared to meet the needs of our students; who want to work with us mutually to develop the provision they put in place for their own employees. The relationship however, must be reciprocal.

**Cummins** is an American Fortune 500 corporation that designs, manufactures, and distributes engines, filtration, and power generation products. Although it is an international company, it is locally minded and philanthropic in its outlook.

**Cransley Hospice** is a local organisation committed to the implementation of palliative care to patients who live in the surrounding areas. Our relationship is specifically with the fundraising department.

**The Castle Theatre** sits geographically and culturally at the centre of our community.

A programme is in place to ensure our students across all year groups have as broad experience of the work place as possible in a variety of capacities.

