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Good morning

I wanted to let you know about a large-scale careers project that we are working on across Aspirations Trust.

Work experience has always been a bit of a lottery for young people. Students with wider networks have always had an advantage. Private school students, for example, have contacts in a wide variety of top management and leadership positions or can afford to travel to companies on the other side of the world. Postcode can also make a difference. Young people in London have a much wider variety of companies and sectors they can reach out to than those here in Bournemouth.

In an attempt to improve the connections for our young people we are working on classroom-based projects across 23 sectors, as well as an enterprise-based project, that take tasks and concepts from the working world and turn them into accessible guides for our students. These projects are designed to be worked in teams so that our students understand, self-assess and develop the key power skills that they will need in order to be happy and successful in their journey outside of school. These key skills are communication, collaboration, problem-solving and creativity and being an effective learner. The world of working is changing under the pressures of climate change, machine learning and AI and the shifts in the economy created by global competition and the aftermath of the pandemic.

We have put all of the work-in-progress content on our website. You will see that there is still much work to do, but we are hoping that many of you out there would like to support our work by becoming directly involved or by linking us to people within your networks that could help us develop it further.

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Please have a look and see if there is any way you could support us. If you have ideas, feedback, can get involved in shaping the projects or have contacts that can help please let us know on [awed@aspirationsacademies.org](mailto:awed@aspirationsacademies.org) (with the name of the academy your child attends)

Thank you.

Baron Miles