



The Avenue School

Summer Newsletter

July 2025



THE AVENUE
CAREERS

Here and Now

We took The Thoughtful Bubble Company to Here and Now in Thames Valley Business Park. Josh and Raqeeb from 6th form came as ambassadors to sell our products.

Raqeeb said "I enjoyed it, it was ok, it was nice to meet new people. They thought the soap was good and smelt nice"

It was really lovely to see Raqeeb and Josh talking to the business staff and selling our products. Both were very polite and professional and made lots of sales on the day.



Reading Rockets

On 14th May we had the opportunity to go to the Holiday Inn hotel and speak with an employee of Reading Rockets. Hamden,

Kai, Zion and Lucus from our yellow pathway met Steph who spoke about job opportunities within the company, over 100 roles in total!!! She explained her how she got to where she is now. We were extremely lucky to have a visit from the owner of Reading Rockets who was so inspirational about his journey and said he didn't even step on a basketball court until he was 57. This showed the boys that they should never give up on ambition and you don't know where your career path will take you.



Wokefield Park

4 students from Egret class had a workplace visit to Wokefield Park Hotel. They had talks about many career opportunities within the hotel, they had a chef, a gardener, the sales team, the hotel manager, housekeeping and the People and Culture team all come in to talk to them about their role. They had a tour of the hotel looking at bedrooms, conference rooms and the restaurant and then had a tour of the hotel grounds on a golf buggy. The amount of jobs within one establishment was quite a shock for some of the students and definitely gave them food for thought. A really informative visit.

Egret learning from Alumni guest speaker

On Friday we had the privilege of welcoming back former Avenue student, Spencer Foote. Spencer went into Egret class and spoke about his journey after leaving The Avenue; he spoke about his experiences of being a student at Reading College and what he is doing next, his talk was highly inspirational

The feedback we have had from Egret has been hugely positive. They said he was very knowledgeable, confident and shared his journey honestly and with passion.

It really was lovely to hear Spencer's story and it has certainly inspired the students.

September 2025

We are currently working hard to get new work experience placements set up ready for September. We have new students going to Prospect Park Play Rangers, The Cats Protection Charity shop and DeeCaf

SHOUT OUT!!! If you know of anyone that would be willing to give a student an opportunity of work experience please contact me laspell@avenue.reading.sch.uk

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YOUNG PEOPLE**

THURSDAY 10 JULY @ 11AM-2PM

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in your career or education**

For young people living in Reading aged 16-19 years old
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