

## Soar Valley College students visit Welford Place development in Leicester

This week, a group of 25 Year 10 students from Soar Valley College interested in construction had the opportunity to visit the prominent Welford Place development in the heart of Leicester City centre.

The visit was organised as part of the City Council's Constructing Leicester initiative, in conjunction with the Leicestershire Education Business Company (LEBC) and John Sisk & Son Ltd, the main contractor on site. The aim is to create successful links between business and education so that young people can learn more about business and working life.



After a safety briefing, the students were split into two groups. Half were given a guided tour of the accessible areas of the building by the Senior Contracts Manager, Mr Ben Fowler, whilst the others took part in an activity, thinking about the basic skills needed in Construction.

Project Manager Sandra Rieger explained: "Constructing Leicester is about ensuring that local residents benefit from the opportunities generated from new development sites.

Site visits are an important part of College learning; they provide a great opportunity for students to learn about Construction first hand."

Senior Contracts Manager Ben Fowler said: "The visit is an excellent opportunity for students to see the extensive and intricate work required to complete the development and the organisation that goes into coordinating the variety of skilled workers and suppliers involved in the project."

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