



Preston Manor

SIMPSON THACHER/IMPETUS PROFESSIONAL INSIGHT DAY

On 8th July our Corporate partners Impetus hosted a fun and interactive workshop alongside law firm Simpson Thacher to practice conflict-resolution, communication and reflective practice - and ultimately to inspire students for future career pathways. The workshop is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet volunteers from a corporate setting and hear directly from them on their post-school journeys, as well as meet and work with young people from a different AllChild school and build on their personal development goals with their Link Worker. Everyone from Ark Elvin threw themselves into all of the activities and were a testament to the school.

On the day we covered...

- How the **business world is relevant to them**
- All the **different career pathways** of our volunteers (including university and non-university apprenticeship routes)
- Active icebreaker activities
- An office tour including a Q&A
- **Speed interviews** with Simpson Thacher volunteers
- **Dispute resolution task** with **public speaking** included.



Conor O'Neill: (AllChild session coordinator):

"It was a fantastic day full of collaborative working and innovative ideas created between Ark Elvin and Preston Manor students and Simpson Thacher Volunteers. We had students who were scared to enter the building working really well together by the first break, most of whom had never seen London from the 20th floor of a central London office. Many students stated how much they have learnt about different pathways into the working world. My favourite highlight was watching the leadership displayed by so many students who asked some of the most mature and inquisitive questions I've heard at one of these days!"



"The AllChild staff and students were fantastic to work with. I really enjoyed watching the kids grow in confidence over the course of the day." **Simpson Thacher volunteer**



HIGHLIGHTS

Alongside the reverse interviews where students ask a wide range of questions to volunteers about their journeys in life and played bingo with the answers (more complex than it sounds!), students worked with volunteers to create 'win-win' situations when presented with moral and business dilemmas. Each group of four was presented with a unique virtuous and legal position on running an organisation, and there were some very honorable and creative solutions!

We had amazing ideas ranging from sharing the profits from their businesses with their schools so more school trips could take place, to distributing healthy items to families with medical conditions and making customers answer quiz questions if they want to purchase unhealthy products!



"A lot of the volunteers shared their experiences and many of them didn't have the perfect start but they always tried again no matter what. They showed me there are ups and downs but when something unplanned happens it's not the end of the world." **Sara**



It was felt that the range of volunteers was good for the girls as there was 'someone for everyone' when it came to backgrounds, the way people sounded, and the positions volunteers were in when they were 14.

We are so happy that young people got to experience this opportunity at the end of a busy school year, celebrating their successes.



The young people engaged exceptionally well during the visit and gained a lot of insight from the planned activities. Many had never even travelled to this area of London, let alone spent time in such a spectacular building. This opportunity allowed the young people to feel inspired and positive about their futures with several saying they hope to work in the corporate setting one day. I felt proud to be the Link Worker representing the young people of Ark Elvin Academy

Joyce, Link Worker

We look forward to even more future moments like these and thank you for your partnership!

