

Year 10 Take Part in Inspiring RISE Workshop with The Talent Foundry, PwC, and ICAEW



Before half term, our Year 10 students took part in an exciting *RISE Workshop* run by **The Talent Foundry**, in partnership with financial professionals from **PwC** and the **ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)**. The RISE programme is designed to help young people build key employability skills, explore future career options, and develop confidence in their own abilities — and our students rose to the challenge brilliantly!

The day began with an introduction to the world of professional services, where students learned about the wide range of careers available in finance, business, and technology. The facilitators from The Talent Foundry and PwC shared real-life stories from their own career journeys, showing students that success can come from many different paths.

The workshop was structured around the **RISE framework**, which focuses on four key steps:

1. **Reflect** – Students started by reflecting on their own strengths, values, and interests. They completed short activities that helped them recognise the skills they already have and the qualities that make them unique.
2. **Inspire** – Students heard inspiring talks from the visiting professionals, who shared how they achieved their goals and overcame challenges. Students had the chance to ask questions and discover what employers look for in young people.
3. **Strengthen** – Year 10 worked in teams on practical problem-solving challenges. These activities encouraged them to use communication, teamwork, and critical thinking — the same skills that are highly valued in the workplace.
4. **Empower** – Finally, students were encouraged to think about their own next steps, setting goals for the future and considering how they can continue developing their skills both inside and outside school.

By the end of the day, students left feeling motivated and more aware of the wide range of career opportunities open to them. Many said the workshop boosted their confidence and helped them see how school subjects connect to real-world careers.

“The RISE workshop was a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain insight into the world of work and understand the skills employers truly value. It was inspiring to see our Year 10s engage so thoughtfully and recognise their own potential” Mrs Hemsworth, Careers Lead

