

## Inspiring Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs at NatWest Headquarters, London



Last Wednesday, a group of Year 8 students enjoyed an inspiring visit to the NatWest Headquarters in Moorgate, London, where they took part in an exciting enterprise and employability day.

Working alongside NatWest professionals and entrepreneurs, students gained a valuable insight into careers in banking and financial services. They also learned about NatWest's Accelerator Hubs and how they help start-up businesses turn innovative ideas into successful enterprises.

Throughout the day, students worked in teams to identify real-life financial challenges facing young people, including budgeting, saving and building financial confidence. They then developed creative business ideas to tackle these issues, refining their concepts before delivering a professional 60-second pitch to a panel of NatWest employees and entrepreneurs.



The experience gave students the opportunity to develop essential employability skills such as teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, creativity, communication and public speaking, while building confidence in a real business environment.

The visit was a huge success, with students embracing every challenge and representing the school exceptionally well.

Reflecting on the day, Raf said, *"I really enjoyed pitching my idea and anyone can start a business even if they don't have loads of funding"*

Theo was surprised by the range of careers available, commenting, *"There are so many jobs in banks, and there are people who specifically help small businesses."*

Aisha added, *"I learnt how to structure and present a pitch,"*

Andrew said, *"I enjoyed learning how to make an intriguing presentation."*

The day provided an engaging introduction to the world of business and finance, inspiring students to think creatively, work collaboratively and consider the exciting opportunities that entrepreneurship can offer. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, confidence and maturity they demonstrated throughout the visit.

