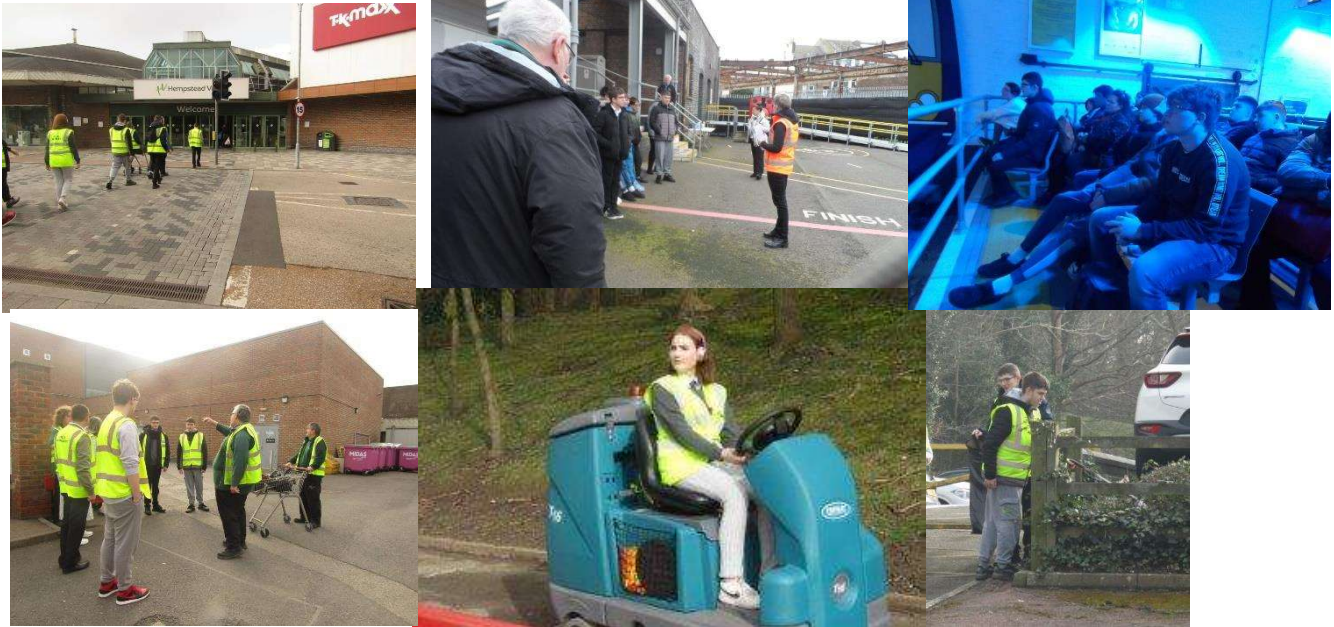


Life skills lessons

The topic for Apollo and Venus' life skills this term was employment. We have been exploring jobs that our pupils may not have considered. This included a visit from Sergeant Paul Garvie from the Army Recruitment Centre in Chatham, a 'backstage' tour of Hempstead Valley to see how a shopping centre is run and meeting with independent shop owners in Rochester to interview them about how they started their businesses. They have also been to Chatham library to see how people use the space to work and study and to find out how to join the libraries, if they haven't already. They are finishing with a trip to the Travel Safe & Smart venue at Margate station, joined by Earth class, to learn about independent travel and personal safety when using our railways.



Peer Mentors

Our Peer Mentoring scheme is underway, and the mentors have all completed their safeguarding training. They asked great questions and have been mature in their learning. The mentors have all met with their mentees. Session times have been given and some have started this term, with the rest starting as the new term begins. Those that have taken part so far are enjoying the opportunity to talk with their peers. One of the mentees has said that it is good to have an opportunity to speak with someone his age.



School Council:

'My name is James, I am the School Council Publicity Officer- my job is to promote the school and everything we do here and try to get people from outside into our school council meetings.

The pupils of City of Rochester take part in work experience from the age of 14 until they finish in the school. So far pupils have worked for Gillingham Street Angels café and their warehouse. Please speak to Alix Wilson if you have any work experience recommendations. Alix is always looking to expand on our work experience offer. You can contact her here: alix.wilson@cityofrochesterschool.org.'

'This term, lots of pupils have moved to our new Vocational College. Our older students have been doing their exams this term and the younger pupils had a Learning Means the World Wellbeing Week. We also celebrated World Book Day, Careers Week, Science Week and Autism Awareness Day.'

'We are working towards running School Council without adult help, this is due to us wanting pupils to be more confident and take ownership and responsibility for this forum. Thank you for reading my segment. James'