



CAREERS MADE IN CHESTERFIELD (CMiC) AT ASHGATE CROFT SCHOOL

Designed to strengthen the local talent pipeline, CMiC helps students gain a clearer understanding of the skills, qualifications, and pathways required to secure high-quality employment in Chesterfield’s property and construction, manufacturing and engineering and social care sectors. It is funded by Chesterfield Borough Council as part of its Skills Action Plan and delivered by Direct Education Business Partnership (DEBP).

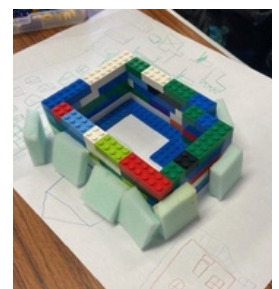
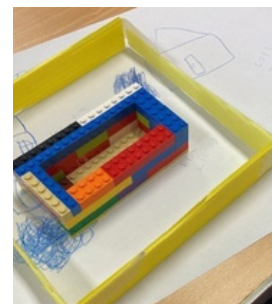
“It was an absolute pleasure to work with the students and to see them engage so fully with all the tasks. As visitors, we were made to feel very welcome by everyone.”

DEBP feedback

On Tuesday, 10 March 2026, CMiC was delivered to 22 students at Ashgate Croft School.

The task: Heavy rain has caused flooding across Chesterfield. You are the Emergency Response Team. Can you protect the town before the next storm hits?

Working in small groups, students became members of Command HQ. They worked together to consider which places in Chesterfield should be protected from the floods first and then plan and build flood defences, using a variety of materials.



CMiC is a collaborative event with local employers providing their time, insight, and expertise. This event was supported by:

- David Beet and Nicole Sas, United Cast Bar
- Abigail May, Assistant Social Value Lead Willmott Dixon



STUDENT/SCHOOL FEEDBACK

"It was fun."

"I liked talking to David."



The workshop was really informative, the employers were supportive of the group, and it gave students a chance to think about real life scenarios that have happened in their town.

Staff feedback

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK

Volunteering at Ashgate Croft was an incredibly rewarding experience. The students were really engaged from the start, and it was amazing to see how much they already knew about the 2023 floods. Their creativity really stood out, and they came up with thoughtful and imaginative flood defence ideas that showed both understanding and creativity. It was a great reminder of how powerful these sessions can be, not just for the young people but for us as volunteers too.

Abigail May, Assistant Social Value Lead,
Willmott Dixon

It was a good opportunity to collaborate together, ensuring that the students at Ashgate enjoyed every minute. The students were very professional and enjoyed interacting with new things. It was indeed a pleasure, and I would love to do it again, as I am sure the students and teachers would love for this opportunity to come again. Thank you.

Nicola Sas, Customer Services
Apprentice, United Cast Bar

I thoroughly enjoyed the day and found the student reaction and the potential solutions offered exceptional, it was good to react with them and see their ideas in action. The day was I feel a great success; it was a pleasure. I would be pleased to do it again

David Beet, Group Marketing Manager,
United Cast Bar

What skills did you demonstrate today?

Verbal Communication – 94%
Creativity – 100%
Listening – 100%
Problem Solving – 100%
Teamwork – 100%

