



Our Gateway students each complete a work experience placement ranging from 1 day – 10 weeks, depending on what the employer can offer. We work with the students to ensure we place them in the career path they are wishing to pursue after leaving school, to gain valuable experience and insight.

Gavin Bindon of Bindon Construction is a Westlaker, who left in 1996 and he was more than willing to support the School. He kindly looked at several CVs and took time out of his busy schedule to interview three of our boys who were hoping to move into the Trades as a profession.

Gavin picked some great candidates and really gave them a first-hand experience of an actual interview. He was very impressed with them all and the successful candidate was Jackson Burt.

Gavin offered Jackson the opportunity of a placement and sure enough was so impressed with his attitude that he went on to offer him an Apprenticeship. Jackson did extremely well and loved the decision he made to work for Bindon Construction. He said, "I am set up for life, amazing guys and couldn't have a better crew".

Gavin is pleased he had this opportunity to join the Westlake Gateway programme. He himself left Westlake to get an apprenticeship, working initially for Powell Construction for 3 years, then finishing his apprenticeship with Ross Bindon Ltd. Later he became Site Manager and finally Director of Bindon Construction. We are very grateful to Gavin for all his support.