



## **O2i Adviser Network: Offer to Oxfordshire schools**

### **O2i: Opportunities to Inspire**

O2i is a service provided by OxLEP to encourage links between education and business across Oxfordshire.

As part of The Careers & Enterprise Company's national Enterprise Adviser Network, O2i will be co-ordinating a network of volunteers for Oxfordshire: O2i Advisers. The network is a unique opportunity for young people and employers alike but O2i and OxLEP need your engagement in order to deliver and empower Oxfordshire's future workforce.

*'The duty on schools, to secure independent careers guidance for all year 8-13 pupils, is intended to expand advice and guidance for young people so they are inspired and motivated to fulfil their potential. Schools should help every pupil develop high aspirations and consider a broad and ambitious range of careers. Inspiring every pupil through more real-life contacts with the world of work can help them understand where different choices can take them in the future.'*

- Department for Education

### **O2i Adviser Network**

The Careers & Enterprise Company was set up to inspire and prepare young people for the world of work. Working in partnership with Local Enterprise Partnerships the company is now rolling out a national network of Enterprise Advisers.

O2i is building a local network of O2i Advisers as part of the Careers & Enterprise Company's Enterprise Adviser Network. O2i Advisers are high calibre volunteers with experience of employment or self-employment. Together with our Enterprise Coordinator, Rebecca Moore, they will guide school representatives through the range of possible employer interactions and help to create a strategy for careers, enterprise and employer engagement within schools.

O2i Enterprise Coordinator, Rebecca, will meet with senior leadership teams and work through an activity planning guide to understand current careers and enterprise strategy. This will help identify any gaps and priority areas that can benefit from O2i support.

An O2i Adviser will then be carefully matched to a school and will work with them to enhance existing activity and increase engagement with local employers.

## **O2i Advisers:**

- Support a school or college for at least one academic year, committing to a minimum of one day per month.
- Have a sound knowledge and understanding of the needs of the local labour market.
- Support will be complementary to any existing activity.
- Work alongside providers such as the National Careers Service and Business in the Community's Business Class where they can add value.
- Help to improve links with local employers and signpost useful activities and programmes to be built in to a careers and enterprise strategy.
- Provide a complimentary programme to work alongside existing activity.

*“What they will all have in common is an enthusiasm and dedication for helping young people to realise their potential by using opportunities that enterprise can offer.” - Enterprise for All*

**To find out more about how the O2i Adviser Network benefits schools contact Rebecca Moore, O2i Enterprise Coordinator at [info@o2i.org](mailto:info@o2i.org).**