



TECHNOLOGY > TEXTILES

Type of Placement: One-day group placement to local carpet manufacturer

Curriculum Links:

Technology, especially Textiles

Summary of Main Benefits:

Shared knowledge of industry and latest techniques and improved links

Description:

The day was based at local carpet manufacturer where carpets are designed and made for some of the most prestigious venues across the world including Buckingham Palace and the casinos of Las Vegas.

The programme was as follows:

- A tour of the factory to see the complete manufacturing process
- Talks from employees who described their role
- Demonstration of a CD Rom, which supports the delivery of GCSE textiles and also features the company
- A talk on the subject of Technical Textiles, featuring the latest developments in these products

Outcomes:

- Opportunity for local business to demonstrate use of up to the minute design techniques, alongside traditional manufacturing methods including hand stitching
- Opportunity for teachers to see a process from start to finish and to gain knowledge and understanding of current business practise.
- Opportunity for follow up visit for pupils



If there isn't a carpet manufacturer in the locality think about contacting large department stores, e.g. John Lewis etc who stock carpets and textiles. Often they will have trained staff who are very knowledgeable about the different methods and types of carpets and fabrics and may be willing to host a placement, or provide materials or speakers for a school.

Consider involving your **local colleges**