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## Patron continue collaboration with Career Ready with “A Capital Experience” event

Last week we hosted a group of more than 40, 16 & 17 year olds and their teachers from state schools throughout the UK, as part of a “A Capital Experience” which is being run by Career Ready, a social mobility charity which aims to improve the career prospects of youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds.

“A Capital Experience” was a single day taster of the world of work in the capital, Career Ready brought c. 1,500 state school students to London, as they spent the morning with Career Ready doing employment related activities and the afternoon in groups with various London based businesses, which is where we came in.

Senior Patron managers and investment team members formed a rotating panel to provide an overview of the Patron business; career paths into the Private Equity business; and also discussed their personal career experiences with these young people.

**Shane Law** (*Patron, Chief Operating Officer*) opened with “Patron – what we do, who we are”; **Kendall Langford** (*Patron, General Counsel*) continued with a discussion on a legal career within private equity; **Mark Parnell** (*Patron, Finance Director*) followed by explaining the Patron finance function, covering tax structuring and reporting; **Jonatas Szkurnik** (*Patron, Investment Director*) continued the discussion from the investment team perspective; and Shane Law closed with Career Opportunities at Patron.

We were massively impressed with the with the engagement from the young people and the challenging questions posed.

Noteworthy, was the considerable interest expressed by these school students in paths into professional careers without a university degree, arising from concerns in respect of the student debt burden on graduates.

We're proud to be investing in young people by opening our doors for A Capital Experience.



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Every pupil should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and / or work experience.  
- Department for Education's Careers Strategy

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preparing young people for the world of work



Kendall answering questions from the students at the Career Ready event, giving advice about being an in-house Lawyer, raising kids and being a partner at Patron.



## MARK GETTING THE STUDENTS CAREER READY

Mark Parnell Patron's CFO gave a great Q&A with the students on how to become an accountant and advice he would have given himself at their age. He also let us in on one of his mantras. Don't ask someone to do something you can't do yourself !

