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SCHOOL CHILDREN BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE THANKS TO REDROW

SCHOOLCHILDREN in the Cotswolds have been laying sturdy foundations for a career in construction with help from a national housebuilder.

The students from Cirencester Deer Park; Cirencester Kingshill; Farmor's and Sir William Romney's Schools, have been given an insight into the industry by Redrow Homes as they undertake the first year of a BTEC First Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment.

With a number of site visits to Redrow's Centuria development in Cirencester and Cheswick urban village in Bristol, already under their tool belts, the pupils, aged 15 and 16, have learnt about infrastructure, watched brick-laying demonstrations and toured a completed show home.

Chris Germaine, coordinator of the South Cotwolds Partnership, a consortium made up of the five schools and a college, said: "This has been an excellent experience for the students and has given them real-life experience of the building trade.

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“We can only teach them so much in the classroom so on-site learning is an essential part of the course. Redrow have bent over backwards to help us and we are extremely grateful to them for their ongoing support. These students are the workforce of the future so it’s great for them to be learning from the professionals.”

Martin Mills, construction manager for Redrow Homes (South West), said: “It’s vital for the future of the industry that we continue to have skilled construction workers rising through the ranks and we are delighted to be able to offer our assistance to the South Cotswold Partnership. We hope the students have found the visits helpful and we look forward to working with them all in the future.”

Redrow is building 130 homes at Centuria in Cirencester and is currently constructing Tallsticks, the first phase of 100 homes eco-friendly homes, at the urban village of Cheswick in Filton, Bristol. For sales information please call 01454 625000.

For more information on Redrow and their work with schools please visit www.redrowcsr.co.uk.

For details about the South Cotswold Partnership log on to www.southcotswoldpartnership.org.uk

Picture captions

- 1) It’s hats off to Redrow who are giving school pupils at insight into the world of construction.
- 2) (L-R) Bricklayer Gerry Blick giving tips to Michael Goodyear, Jake Barstow and Jack Treacher

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Editor's footnote: Redrow Homes is one of the UK's leading house builders, responsible for approximately 100 new homes developments across England, Scotland and Wales, including family homes, contemporary city centre apartments and refurbishment of historic buildings to create new homes with period features. The company has won numerous awards, including the 2008 *Housebuilding Innovator of the Year* title for a combination of its regeneration work, community involvement, marketing and training initiatives. It has also won many national plaudits for its innovative first time buyer Debut product, which has helped hundreds of first time buyers onto the housing ladder, while regionally its developments took top titles in the 2007 *What House*, *Daily Mail* and *London Evening Standard* property awards.

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