As part of the project, students will take on the role of a **Development Design Team**, responding to a real brief from bpha to design a new housing development that balances:

- High-quality homes
- Affordable housing for local people
- Energy-efficient properties
- Sustainable community spaces
- Health and wellbeing considerations
- Budget requirements

What are the intended outcomes?

By participating in Taste Your Future, students will:

- Develop greater awareness of future careers and employment opportunities.
- Understand how subjects studied in school are used in the workplace.
- Build confidence and self-belief.
- Strengthen key employability skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving, creativity and presentation skills.
- Gain a better understanding of their own strengths, interests and aspirations.
- Meet inspiring role models from a variety of backgrounds and career paths.
- Explore different routes into employment, including apprenticeships and further study.
- Increase their readiness for future work experience and career-related opportunities.

Most importantly, we hope students will leave the programme with a broader understanding of what is possible, a greater belief in their own potential, and the confidence to begin thinking positively about their future.

How can parents and carers support?

Parental encouragement plays a vital role in helping young people gain the maximum benefit from opportunities such as this. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to:

- Attend each session fully prepared.
- Engage positively with employers and visiting professionals.
- Ask questions and contribute to discussions.
- Work collaboratively with their peers.
- Approach the programme with curiosity, enthusiasm and an open m
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The students who gain the most from these experiences are often those who are willing to step outside their comfort zone, embrace new challenges and make the most of every opportunity presented to them.

We are incredibly grateful to Bedford Giving, 4YP UK and bpha for investing in our young people and helping to provide this valuable experience. We look forward to seeing our students grow in confidence, develop new skills and showcase their ideas throughout the programme.