

## Sir Roger Marsh inspires geography and business studies pupils



Last week, our geography and business studies pupils were fortunate to welcome Sir Roger Marsh as a guest speaker.

As the former Chair of the Leeds Enterprise Partnership (*LEP*), Sir Roger spoke with passion and expertise on topics such as urban regeneration and attracting inward investment to the city region and the north of England as a whole.

Pupils recognised many local successes - such as the South Bank regeneration, the relocation of Channel 4's headquarters to Leeds, the Piece Hall in Halifax and the new East Orbital Road (that links north Leeds to The Springs retail and leisure development), without realising the funding and planning behind them all.

The talk was both engaging and insightful, with Sir Roger answering thoughtful questions on the region's successes, challenges and future opportunities for a youthful and well-educated urban population.

We are very grateful to Sir Roger for generously giving his time to inspire and educate our pupils and help give them an insight into how detailed planning and funding are imperative to a region's success and growth.

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