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■ In the workshop – Prospects College marketing officer Sima Parker, with students Courtney Joseph, Bradley Franklin and Sam Latarch with Lord Kenneth Baker
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Prospects praised by Lord Baker

STAFF and students from Prospects College in Basildon rolled out the red carpet to welcome a VIP guest.

Lord Baker, the former secretary of state for education, dropped into the campus in Crompton Close to see the top class educational

facilities on offer to students across south Essex.

The Tory politician made the visit as the Conservatives pledged to build a new technical school in each of the 12 biggest cities in England, with the long-term ambition to have one in every

area of the country.

Sima Parker, spokesman for the college, said: "We were pleased to welcome Lord Baker, who said that Prospects College is the model to what a successful technical college should be like."