



William Edwards School

'Inspirational learning with a strong sporting ethos'

WILLIAM EDWARDS SCHOOL Year 11 Mock Interview Day



Friday 25th October 2019 staged the Seventeenth Mock Interview Day held at William Edwards School. This event has traditionally marked a significant point in the school's Careers Education and Information, Advice and Guidance programme as the Year 11 students prepare themselves for post 16 transition.

In preparation for this role play activity the students had to prepare a CV and draft a personal statement, as well as to practice their interview skills. For this activity the students had to believe that this was the real deal and the year group were commended by all of the 42

external interviewers for buying into the event and conducting themselves in a professional manner.

The day entailed the Year 11 wearing professional dress and participating in a series of one-to-one job interviews lasting up to 20-25 minutes. The interviewers received the CV's and personal statements at their working breakfast where they planned their questions for the eight students they would interview



during the day. After each interview the interviewers offered advice and guidance on how to improve and develop and offered further information about the job specific applications made by the students. They also completed an evaluation which is shared with the student as a written record of their performance. The evaluations are also used by Mrs Doyle to help her

to plan for the subsequent Careers interviews when supporting them individually with their post 16 education and apprenticeship applications.



The day was a hugely successful experiential learning opportunity for our students and was only possible because forty two interviewers gave up their time to spend the day with us. Our thanks specifically go out to the following people:

School Alumni:

Aaron Thompson; Alex Hardy; Brenda Jones; Claire Cornelius; David Pavitt; Ellie Ruddock; Graham Turner; Hannah Barnett; Henry Michael-Ihunde; Holly Moore; Jaime Clarke; Jenny Frizzell; Katie Gargan; Katy Brown; Kelly Purkiss; Kelly Lane; Phil Messenger; Stuart Ottley and Ralph Henderson MBE





External Independent Interviewers:

Adam Whiting; Chelsie Benson; Alan Dawson; Alex Williams; Bob Robertson; Diane Ridgley; Gary Seaman; George Coleman; Jean Allen; Joe Lock; Kay Staines; Laura Kemsley; Margaret Long; Michael Love; Mike Brown; Nadine Wood; Nicky Guilder; Sandra Slade; Sarah Dorrian and Toni Marshall

Businesses and Organisations represented:

Ford Motor Company; Institution of Engineering and Technology; Writtle College; USP Palmers College; South Essex College; Barking and Dagenham College; ITEC Technologies; Heaven Marketing; ITV; Impulse Leisure; DP World; HSBC Holdings PLC; BT; Essex Sand and Gravel Ltd; Mishcon de Reya; Peabody; Police; Thurrock Council; HMRC; Port of Tilbury; Clegg Gifford; Beauchamps School; MGL Accounting; and Treetops School



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