



William Edwards School

'Inspirational learning with a strong sporting ethos'

WILLIAM EDWARDS SCHOOL Year 11 Mock Interview Day



Friday 15th October 2021 staged the Eighteenth 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 profile 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 34 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 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 thirty four interviewers gave up their time to spend the day with us. Our thanks specifically go out to the following people:

School Alumni:

Hannah Barnett; Rebecca Fitzgibbon; Jenny Frizzell; William Messenger; Alex Watkins; Aron Farmer; Ben Nye; Billy Masters; Sam Smith; Steve Sawyer; Calum McNeil; Carla Briggs; Carly Walmsley; Chloe Morales; Claire Carter; Henry Benson; Mia Donovan; Michael Portas; Myleen Kasandra; Olivia Budhali; and Salima Akthur.



External Independent Interviewers:

Allan Morrison; Liz Morrison; Amy Furney; Bob Byrne; Bob Robertson; David Staley; Katy French; Laura Kemsley; Jane Hunt; Natasha Carroll; Sonia Bones and Corin Whymark

Businesses and Organisations represented:

Institution of Engineering and Technology; Writtle College; USP Palmers College; Barking and Dagenham College; BBC; BlackRock; Mishcon de Reya; Peabody; Essex Police; Basildon Council; Water Lilly; Cambridge University; Quilter Cheviot Investment Management; Rotary Club; JP Morgan; The Appleton School; University of Hertford; Bhiahhoons; Ministry of Justice; Royal Navy; Data Intensity; and The Access Group.

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