



William Edwards School

*'Inspirational learning with a strong sporting ethos'*

## WILLIAM EDWARDS SCHOOL Year 11 Mock Interview Day



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022** staged the Nineteenth 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 pupils prepare themselves for post 16 transition.

In preparation for this role-play activity the pupils 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 35 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 eleven pupils 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 pupils. 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:**

Eleanor Anderson, Tom Archer, Jamie Arnold, Holly Dartnell, Rebecca Fitzgibbon, David Harley, Calum McNeil, Callum Muckle, Chloe Morales, Jodie Pocock, Lauren Schembri, Sam Smith and Corin Whymark.



## **External Independent Interviewers:**

Allan Morrison; Liz Morrison; Bob Robertson; Laura Kemsley; Jean Allen, Ann Isaac, Cherie Brightwell, Corin Whymark, Jacqui Worthington, James Shiels, Joe Lock, Laura Webster, Manjeet Jhakra, Nicola Phillips, Rob Tye, Spencer Stevenson, Tom Jarman, Matt Gevaux, Mariya Nedeva, Sally Messenger, Pamela Heneberry and Steve Ball.



## **Businesses and Organisations represented:**

USP Palmers College; South Essex College; Peabody; MET Police; Ministry of Justice; Royal Navy; NHS; Amazon; Network Rail; Heyne Tillett Steel; Choice Training; The Foyle Foundation; Pam-PD Centre; Thurrock Council; Glaxosmithkline and Swecet.

**Mr T Parker**

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