



William Edwards School

*'Inspirational learning with a strong sporting ethos'*

## WILLIAM EDWARDS SCHOOL Year 11 Mock Interview Day



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023** staged the Twentieth 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 45 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 pupils they would interview during the day. After each interview the interviewers

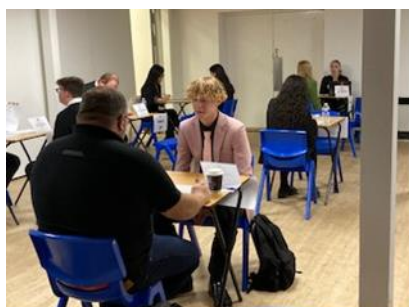


offered advice and guidance on how to improve and develop and offered further information about the job and apprenticeship specific applications made by the pupils. They also completed an evaluation which is shared with the student as a written record of their performance. The evaluations are also used 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 forty-five interviewers gave up their time to spend the day with us. Our thanks specifically go out to the following people:

### **School Alumni:**

Eleanor Anderson, Adam Shea, Brandon Raffo, Brenda Jones, Rebecca Fitzgibbon, Henry Benson, Calum McNeil, Jason Cooper-Sutton, Chloe Morales, Megan McCarthy, Lauren Schembri, Ryan Farmer, Tom Hughes, William Messenger and Corin Whymark.



### **External Independent Interviewers:**

Laura Kemsley; Jean Allen, Ann Isaac, Adam Whiting, Amy Papworth, James Shiels, Joe Lock, Laura Webster, Andrea Purser, Bob Byrne, Rob Tye, Spencer Stevenson, Tom Jarman, Carly North, Claire Reid, Sally Messenger, Pamela Heneberry, Jacob Parker, Jacqui Worthington, Joe Lock, John Taylor, Joy Redsell, Kelly Jarvis, Laura Misguin, Louise Titterton, Mark Asburn, Natasha Purewal, Nina Levy, Rory Lennon, Sonya Bones and Ian McCarthy.



### **Businesses and Organisations represented:**

IBM; Ford Motor Company; Slalom Consulting Ltd; Department of Work and Pensions; Waterlilly; Shipbob; Lakeside; Thurrock Rotarians; Softbank Robotics; USP Palmers College; South Essex College; Writtle College; Peabody; MET Police; Ministry of Justice; NHS; Amazon; Network Rail; Heyne Tillett Steel; Choice Training; The Foyle Foundation; Pam-PD Centre; Thurrock Council; Glaxosmithkline; Mishcon de Reya LLP; AXIS Europa and Swecet.

**Mr T Parker**

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