

Volunteering Opportunities 16 July 2024

Dear Business Ambassador,

With your help we have made it to the end of the summer term!

A big THANK YOU if you have been able to volunteer with us this academic year. We have managed to reach over 21,000 students, in 53 West Berkshire schools with 269 workshops! You have provided over 2,200 volunteer hours and are making a difference to how the students think of themselves as well as their approach to making themselves ready for the world of work.

Don't worry if you haven't been able to support us this year, we've listed all the events we currently have confirmed, to help you plan ahead.

Please email us if you can volunteer for an event; joannef@ebp.org.uk, shanym@ebp.org.uk or events@ebp.org.uk

We hope you have a lovely summer.

Jo Fulker and Shany Middleton
Business Engagement Specialists

Events coming up:

Focus on Newbury and Thatcham

Brimpton C of E Primary School, Newbury

Guess My Job, Monday 14th October, 13:30 – 15:00

This is a fun event for Year 5/6 students to learn about job roles they may not be aware of and to break down stereotypes. Business Ambassadors are asked a number of questions, to which they can only answer Yes or No, so the students can 'guess their job' in a given time. They then spend a few more minutes with the students' answering questions in more detail about what they do. No advance preparation is needed. We will be running this event in 1-hour sessions.

Scrap Challenge, Tuesday 22nd October, 08:30 – 15:00

Year 5/6 students will work in a team and put their imagination and engineering skills to the test with Cardboard City! Today's cities are highly varied throughout the world, ideally to best suit the needs of their residents. Each has different services, layouts, features, and styles. A cardboard city of their own design can become anything they desire! A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams.

Business Ambassadors will assist students in the design and build of their creation, so no prior preparation is required.

Enborne C of E Primary School, Newbury

Take Cover, Thursday 3rd October, 13:30 – 14:30

Year 5/6 students will construct a shelter out of STIXX rods that can house two of their team members (if not more). The team must discuss and plan how to construct the shelter. Teams will need to consider the size it needs to be and how many STIXX rods they will use. Business Ambassadors will assist students in the design and build of their creation.

Fir Tree Junior Primary School, Newbury

Scrap Challenge, Wednesday 25th September, 08:30 – 12:30

Year 5/6 students will work in a team and put their imagination and engineering skills to the test with Cardboard City! Today's cities are highly varied throughout the world, ideally to best suit the needs of their residents. Each has different services, layouts, features, and styles. A cardboard city of their own design can become anything they desire! A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams. Business Ambassadors will assist students in the design and build of their creation, so no prior preparation is required.

Kennet School Secondary School, Thatcham

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 15th November, 08:30 - 15:30

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support our mock interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing Year 11 students, and sharing with them your expertise. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

St. Bartholomew's Secondary School, Newbury

Mock Interviews, Wednesday 20th November, 08:30 - 15:30

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Focus on Reading

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Secondary School, Reading

CV Writing Wednesday, 2nd October, 08:30 – 15:30

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver the above workshop by offering their own advice and expertise. Business Ambassadors do not

have to prepare anything in advance and materials can be sent prior for your perusal before the day.

Spotlight on Careers Tuesday 8th October, 08:30 – 15:30

As the Business Ambassador, you would deliver a 1-hour interactive workshop on your company and/or area of expertise which would be repeated five times, to ensure delivery to each group of students. Five groups of Year 8 students carousel around each organisation throughout the day. We need five different businesses to run a workshop.

The Spotlight on Careers Programme gives the students a chance to experience different career sectors, using fun and engaging informative activities and open Q&A.

An example workshop format, but not limited to could include:

- Introductions
- Presentation
- An interactive activity or game
- Job role descriptions/ career opportunities video
- Students will be asking questions such as “How do you get into a company like this?” “What qualifications/grades are needed?” “What routes can you take?” “How much can I expect to be paid!”

Highdown Secondary School and Sixth Form, Reading

Financial Awareness for College, Thursday 19th September, 10:00 – 12:30

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Focus on Tadley & Tilehurst

Springfield Primary school

Introduction into Engineering, Wednesday 23rd October, 09:00 – 12:15

Understanding how engineers shape our world. The workshop will focus on different types of engineering, making it exciting/relatable for students. A Business Ambassador will help Year 5/6 students with an interactive problem solving/ creative teamwork activity. We will be running this event in 3 x 1-hour sessions.

The Hurst Secondary School, Tadley

Scrap Challenge, Wednesday 23rd October, 08:30 – 15:30

Students will work in a team and put their imagination and engineering skills to the test with Cardboard City! Today's cities are highly varied throughout the world, ideally to best suit the needs of their residents. Each has different services, layouts, features, and styles. A cardboard city of their own design can become anything they desire! A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams. Business Ambassadors will assist students in the design and build of their creation, so no prior preparation is required.

Focus on Swindon / Wiltshire

John O'Gaunt Secondary School, Hungerford

Preparing for Work, Friday 27th September, 09:00 – 12:30

Two Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver the workshop by offering their own advice and expertise. Business Ambassadors do not have to prepare anything in advance and materials can be sent prior for your perusal before the day.

Scrap Challenge, Tuesday 15th October, 08:30 – 15:30

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Kintbury St.Mary's Primary school

Introduction in Engineering, Thursday 17th October, 13:00 – 15:00

Understanding how engineers shape our world. The workshop will focus on different types of engineering, making it exciting/relatable for students. A Business Ambassador will help students with an interactive problem solving/ creative teamwork activity. We will be running this event in 2 x 1-hour sessions.

Lydiard Park Academy, Secondary School

Champions of Enterprise, Tuesday 8th October, 08:30 – 12:30

Champions of Enterprise is designed to help develop work-ready skills. Year 9 students evaluate a real local business and complete a real-life business challenge their team is going to solve. Whilst students may not have business experience, they have intelligence and fresh thinking.

Business Ambassadors will be on hand to support students and guide them to find innovative and workable solutions.

Other news:

Work Experience

We are seeking work experience placements on behalf of **Royal Wootton Bassett Academy** and **Lawn Manor Academy** for students in the Years 10/11. The placements will be during Autumn 2024, for up to one day per week, over a 6-week period. If you feel that you could offer a placement, please do get in touch. We are requesting support from a variety of sectors.

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, please contact Kirsty Wilson-Bridges by calling 01635 279277 or emailing KirstyWB@ebp.org.uk. Thank you!

Careers Fair

DESTINATIONS EXPO

WEST BERKSHIRE'S LARGEST
INTERACTIVE CAREERS FAIR

Thursday 10th October 2024

Would your company like to be involved with West Berkshire's largest, interactive Careers Fair? Following the success of 2023's Destinations Expo, the date has been set for next year - Thursday 10th October at Newbury College. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with students from West Berkshire & North Hampshire and inspire the future workforce!

All the details, including the link to book a stand, are on our website:

<https://educationbusinesspartnership.co.uk/destinations-expo-2024/>

If you have any questions, please contact GeorginaCR@ebp.org.uk
