

## Volunteering Opportunities 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Dear Business Ambassador,**

Message from Shany - this is my last newsletter as I am leaving EBP on 24th October. Thank you to anyone who has volunteered with us in the time I've been here – it's been great to meet so many lovely people.

Please find listed below the events we currently have organised. Please email us if you can volunteer for an event; [joannef@ebp.org.uk](mailto:joannef@ebp.org.uk) or [events@ebp.org.uk](mailto:events@ebp.org.uk). Thank you,

Jo Fulker and Shany Middleton  
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**Events coming up:**

### Focus on Newbury and Thatcham

**Brimpton C of E Primary School, Newbury** **We need 1 more volunteer**

Scrap 'Engineering' Challenge, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 13:30 – 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.

**Kennet School Secondary School, Thatcham**

T Level CV Writing 7<sup>th</sup> November, 08:30:15:30

A Business Ambassador is needed to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their advice and expertise. Business Ambassadors do not have to prepare anything in advance.

Mock Interviews, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 08:30 - 15:30 **We still need 8 volunteers**

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.

## Focus on Reading

### **Birch Copse Primary school**

Biodiversity Workshop, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 13:30 – 15:00

Join our fun and educational biodiversity workshop, where primary students explore the wonders of nature and get hands-on by making their own seed bombs! Through this engaging activity, kids will learn about the importance of local plants and how they can help protect our environment, one seed at a time.

### **Blessed Hugh Faringdon Secondary School, Reading**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00-14:00 **We still need 6 volunteers**

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support this fun and interactive event. For this event, you will be interviewed by a small group of students who will try to guess what you do for a living. After student questioning and guessing you will reveal your role and talk about your career path.

Interview Prep, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, times to be confirmed

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this 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.

### **Denefield School, Reading**

Spotlight on Careers, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 08:30-15:00

**One more business is required for this event**

As the Business Volunteer(s), you would need to create a 1-hour workshop which explores the industry you work in and give the students a hands-on task. The idea is to open students' eyes to the employment possibilities in your sector. The workshop will be repeated over the course of the day to each new group of students.

### **Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Caversham, Reading**

CV Writing, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, times to be confirmed

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this 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.

### **Little Heath school, Tilehurst, Reading**

Guess My Job, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 09:00 – 15:00

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support this fun and interactive event. For this event, you will be interviewed by a small group of students who will try to guess what you do for a living. After student questioning and guessing you will reveal your role and talk about your career path.

### **Maiden Erlegh School, Reading**

Mock Interviews, Friday 6th December, 08:30 – 15:00

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 your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

### **Meadow Park school, Reading**

Biodiversity Workshop, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 13:30 – 14:30

Join our fun and educational biodiversity workshop, where primary students explore the wonders of nature and get hands-on by making their own seed bombs! Through this engaging activity, kids will learn about the importance of local plants and how they can help protect our environment, one seed at a time.

### **Purley C of E school, Reading**

Biodiversity Workshop, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30 – 12:00

Join our fun and educational biodiversity workshop, where primary students explore the wonders of nature and get hands-on by making their own seed bombs! Through this engaging activity, kids will learn about the importance of local plants and how they can help protect our environment, one seed at a time.

### **Reading Girls School, Reading**

Growth Mindset, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 08:30-15:00 **We still need 2 volunteers**

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this 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.

### **The Willink, Burghfield Common, Reading**

Interview Prep Day, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 08:15 – 12:00

Business Ambassadors are required for a morning to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this 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.

### **The Willink, Burghfield Common, Reading**

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 08:15 – 12:00

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 your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

## **The Bulmershe School, Wokingham, Reading**

Interview Prep Day, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 08:30 – 15:30

Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this 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.

Mock Interviews, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025, 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 10 students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practise with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment.

### **Other Reading events coming up in January 2025:**

The Hurst school, Reading – Mock Interviews	21 <sup>st</sup>
The Bulmershe, Reading, Guess My Job	28 <sup>th</sup>
Blessed Hugh Faringdon, Reading, Mock Interviews	29 <sup>th</sup>

## Focus on Tadley & Tilehurst

### **The Hurst Secondary School, Tadley**

Scrap Challenge, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 08:30 – 15:30 **We still need 5 volunteers**

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

### **Kintbury St. Mary's Primary school**

Introduction in Engineering, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:KirstyWB@ebp.org.uk).  
Thank you!

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