



Our programmes help you meet The Gatsby Benchmarks. The stamps throughout our newsletter show you which benchmark each initiative addresses.

# Welcome to our school/college newsletter

Through our newsletter we aim to keep you updated on our latest developments and offerings. We hope you find the content of interest.

We are Education Business Partnership (EBP) and we have been designing and delivering engaging ways for businesses and young people to come together for over 25 years.

**It's been all about tech...**



Our [Hi-Tech Horizons](#) programme is in full swing this term!

We've delivered events at Little Heath in Reading, St John's in Marlborough and The Downs in Compton and have had an amazing time.

**"One of the best workshops ever!"**

Student

Businesses including, Gamma, Rosalind Franklin Institute and Space Store provided hands-on interactive challenges and tasks, highlighting hi-tech and what a career in this exciting, growing industry looks like.



**"I understand DNA better and how cool it is to work in a tech company."**

Student

The programme reaches whole year groups through one or two days of activity, and is having a proven impact on inspiring young people into looking at careers in hi-tech.

We have many more tech businesses and workshops lined up so watch this space to see how this exciting initiative progresses!

You can still book a workshop for your Year 8, 9 or 10 and grab this FREE opportunity!



## SKILLS FOR LIFE



Our [Developing Life Skills](#) programme has been designed to support the development of young people, by increasing their confidence, encouraging positive thinking and helping to raise aspirations.

The intensive one-day drama-based workshop has been delivered to students at Little Heath, Denefield, John O'Gaunt, The Downs, The Willink and Kennet School, equipping students with those vital soft skills ready for the workplace!

**"The most fun day I've had at school whilst also being extremely valuable"**

Student

**"It has really helped to guide me in the right direction for how to act and present myself in certain situations"**

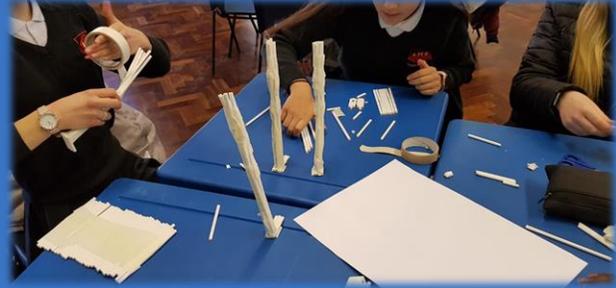
Student

## Girls STEAM ahead!



Our successful programme, Girls in Hi-Tech has been given a new name - Girls STEAM ahead! But fear not, the programme remains as inspiring and impactful as ever!

This term, we partnered up with National Grid, Stuart Michael Associates and The Nav People and delivered 'Girls STEAM ahead' to three local secondary schools. One student who worked with Stuart Michael Associates said, "I've learnt that engineering covers such a lot and it's AMAZING!"



## Boosting work-related skills



One of the hardest things for young people entering the world of work, today, is to realise their own achievements and skills and have the confidence to shout about them!

Three of our [work-related skills programmes](#) can stand alone or interlink to build a strong, impactful work preparation package:

**All About Me** – This one-hour workshop helps students learn more about themselves and helps them identify the value of the skills they have.

**Interview Preparation** – these workshops engage students and help them to understand, good and bad interview techniques, first impressions, body language, skills and qualities businesses look for and how to articulate their skills on CVs and application forms.

**Mock Interviews** – Students are ready for their practice interviews with a business professional, this workshop helps reduce interview anxiety and boost confidence.

We've been busy delivering these workshops, this term, to several schools including an amazing day at St Bartholomew's School, in Newbury, where we were joined by 24 business volunteers and interviewed a total of **257 Year 11 students**, for a job of their choice.

"It was very beneficial and valuable as it gave me confidence in myself and my qualities."

St Bartholomew's student

## Financial Awareness...



We took our successful Financial Awareness programme out to five secondary schools/colleges this term, Easthampstead Park School, The Downs, Aylesbury Vale Academy, UTC Swindon and Kennet School

Supported by business volunteers, the workshops helped students understand the true cost of going to university and living in a fun and engaging way.

One student said,  
"Educational and inspirational"

Another added, "This is one of the key points in my life, to help me decide who and what I'll be."

## Hoarding art project...

We've partnered up with Rosalind Franklin Institute and Mace Group, to work with Year 8 and 9 students from The Downs School to help design and generate hoardings, showcasing science in society, to be placed around their new hub building at Harwell Campus.



Students visiting site for the 'topping out' celebrations. Watch this space...to find out what happens at the next workshops!

## Careers Fair



We had a great time, organising and delivering a careers fair with The Clere School, this term.

The event was supported by a wide range of 18 businesses and training providers to really give students in Years 8,9,10 and 11 an understanding of the

opportunities available to them as they get older.

"It was very interesting to get more ideas for a future career than what I already had"

Student

"It has helped me decide on the career that I will enjoy and want to do"

Student

## Spotlights!



Our [Spotlight](#) on Career workshops help students make a link between possible future careers and how to get there.

Our first Spotlight, of this academic year, was held at Reading Girls School, where we were joined by Zebra, Berkshire Physios, City Farm Systems and Ella's Kitchen.

Students took part in practical challenges that engaged and inspired students about future career options and routes through further education.

"This Spotlight was really helpful, it has opened my eyes to new opportunities, that I didn't know existed, I now have more options"

Student

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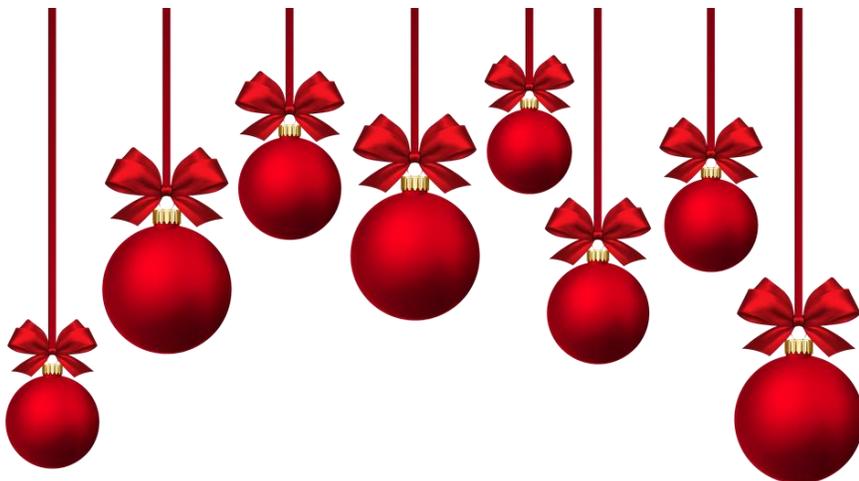
Did you know...this term we have delivered programmes and workshops to **3,500** young people!

## Coming up next term...

We're already getting booked up for January, with:

- Spotlight on Careers
- Hi-Tech Horizons
- Mock Interviews
- Developing Life Skills
- Girls STEAM ahead
- Financial awareness

Please get in touch to find out how we can support you, next term, to meet your objectives in your Careers Programmes and meet those Gatsby Benchmarks!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our partner schools and students a very Merry Christmas and New Year and we look forward to working with you all in 2020!



## St Bartholomew's are the Champions!

We visited Year 12 at St Bartholomew's School in Newbury, for a day, with our Champions of Enterprise workshop!

340 Year 12 students took part and were put into teams to solve a real-life business challenge.

The students spend the day looking at business tasks set by local companies - GIST, Waitrose and Westcoast and worked alongside business professionals to find innovative ways to tackle the problems. At the end of day, the teams had to present their solutions to judges.

Students developed business understanding, teamwork, time management, research/analysis and decision-making skills as well as presentation confidence.

**“It was a very interesting and useful experience, allowing us to use our creativity and imagination to solve real business problems.”**

Student