

## Volunteering Opportunities 14th January 2025

Dear Business Ambassador,

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope that you have been able to enjoy a lovely break over Christmas.

Please take a look at our upcoming events. We have lots to choose from and we urgently need lots of support. Thanks in advance for any help that you can offer.

Please email us if you can volunteer:

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Thank you,

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Business Engagement Specialists

### Events coming up:

#### Reading

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

Interview Prep, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 08:30–15:30

#### **One more volunteer urgently needed**

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.

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

Mock Interviews, Wednesday 29th January, 10:00-15:00

#### **Four more volunteers urgently needed**

We need several Business Ambassadors, from a cross-section of organisations to support our mock interviews. For this event, you will be interviewing Year 12 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 Willink, Burghfield Common, Reading**

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

**Four more volunteers needed**

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.

### **Maiden Erlegh School, Earley**

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 08:30–15:30

**Thirteen more volunteers needed**

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.

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

CV Writing, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 08:30–15:30

**One more volunteer needed**

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.

## **Tadley / Tilehurst**

### **Little Heath School, Tilehurst, Reading**

Champions of Enterprise, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 09:00-13:30

**Four more volunteers urgently needed**

Champions of Enterprise is aimed at inspiring and developing enterprise skills among students. Through this programme, students will engage in a real-world challenge set by Sulham Estate/BioCap that helps them learn essential business and entrepreneurial skills like problem-solving, teamwork, innovation, and leadership. Champions of Enterprise encourages students to think creatively, build confidence, and gain a better understanding of potential career paths in business, green careers, and entrepreneurship. 10 Business Ambassadors are needed to support students through the session activities and to judge presentations.

### **Little Heath School, Tilehurst, Reading**

Growth Mindset, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 08:30-15:15

**Two volunteers needed (1 morning / 1 afternoon / or all day)**

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.

## **Swindon / Wiltshire**

### **St Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotal Way, Swindon**

Spotlight on Careers Day, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 08:30-15:30

**Ten volunteers needed**

We invite businesses, from a variety of sectors, to attend a day in a secondary school/college and reach 150 students, via hour long sessions with groups of 30.

Does your business offer apprenticeships and non-academic routes into your organisation? Businesses are asked to provide an interactive hands-on challenge, to engage young minds and showcase the careers available within your organisation.

The EBP team can help you shape the content.

Each Spotlight event gives students the opportunity to spend time gaining an insight into a range of businesses and the career paths within them. Taking part in our Spotlight on Careers workshops helps your business to attract applicants, address skill gaps and gain invaluable input from young people.

## **Wokingham / Bracknell**

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

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

**Three more volunteers urgently needed**

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 Bulmershe School, Wokingham**

Mock Interviews, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 08:30 – 15:30

**Six more volunteers urgently needed**

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.

### **Kings Academy, Binfield**

Spotlight on Careers, Monday 10th February, 08:30-15:30

**Eight more volunteers needed**

We invite businesses, from a variety of sectors, to attend a day in a secondary school/college and reach 200+ students.

Does your business offer apprenticeships and non-academic routes into your organisation? Businesses are asked to provide an interactive hands-on challenge, to engage young minds and showcase the careers available within your organisation.

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### **High Close School SEN Primary and Secondary, Wokingham**

Guess My Job, Thursday 13th February, 09:00-11:45

Mock Interviews & Scrap Challenge, Thursday 13th February, 11:45-14:45

**Four more volunteers needed**

We would love to hear from vocational companies based in the local area who could send some volunteers to help us with a lovely project at High Close School.

In the first half of the day, we will be running Guess My Job with Years 8 & 9. This is a fun and interactive event where 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 journey.

In the afternoon we will support Year 10 & 11 students with their Mock Interviews.

For this event, you will be interviewing the students and sharing your expertise with them. These interviews give students the opportunity to put new skills into practice with business professionals, in a supportive and familiar environment. Our aim is to give them a positive experience and leave them feeling positive and optimistic about their future.

Experience of young people with Special Educational Needs is useful but not essential as a full briefing will be given. Ideally, all 7 volunteers will support in both halves of the day to understand the school, but 2 x half-day shifts will be accommodated.

## Newbury / Thatcham

None at present.

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At EBP, **we are committed to building a diverse and inclusive community of volunteers** who reflect the wide range of backgrounds and experiences of the young people we support. We welcome volunteers from all walks of life, including people of all ages and cultures, those from global majority backgrounds, those from the LGBTQ+ community, those with disabilities, and neurodiverse individuals. We are keen to understand and meet individual support needs wherever we can. We want every young person to feel seen, heard, and represented, and believe that by bringing together volunteers with varied experiences, we can help prepare them for the future with confidence and support.  
Your unique perspective will help make a real impact!

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### Other news:

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