



## Volunteer Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 v2

Dear Volunteer Business Ambassador,

**\*\*\*We have lots of new events in this edition!\*\*\***

**Don't miss these great opportunities to inspire and support young people!**

These rewarding volunteering opportunities help to prepare young people for the world of work. We would not be able to achieve what we do without your invaluable expertise and experience.

**If you would like to be involved, please send an email to [events@ebp.org.uk](mailto:events@ebp.org.uk) noting the name, date and venue of the event.**

**Please do not reply to this email** which will take you to our "no-replies" inbox.

You will receive full details prior to all events and a further briefing when you arrive at the school.

We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you have colleagues, friends or family members who you think might also enjoy participating in our events, please forward this newsletter to them.

Volunteers DO NOT require a DBS check and don't need to be from any particular sector of the workforce. Retired individuals are very welcome.

Thank you and best wishes,  
Julie Cageao and Paul Rose, Business Engagement Specialists

## Events coming up:

### Reading / Tilehurst

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

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 08:30-13:20, Year 10

7 volunteer spaces

Business volunteers from a cross-section of organisations help facilitate mock interviews sessions and share their expertise. Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

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

Champions of Enterprise, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 09:00-13:30, Year 8

6 volunteer spaces

This event aims to give students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors support students throughout the workshop, helping them with their decision making and problem solving. The students will be asked to present their solution to a business problem, and you will be asked to judge the student presentations.

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

Guess My Job, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 08:30-15:30, Year 7

4 volunteer spaces

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.

#### **Meadow Park Academy, Reading**

Biodiversity Workshop, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 09:30-11:30, Year 5

1 volunteer space

This is a fun, hands-on session for primary school pupils where we explore the “web of life” and how plants, insects and animals all depend on each

other to survive. Business Ambassadors support small groups of pupils as they learn about biodiversity and why it matters, finishing with a practical activity where students create seed bombs to help support local wildlife and pollinators. An interest in biodiversity or the environment is an advantage, but no specialist knowledge is required – just enthusiasm and a willingness to engage with students.

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

AI Debate, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-15:00, Year 9

**2 volunteer spaces**

This workshop aims to engage students in critical discussions about the ethical aspects of artificial intelligence. The workshop enhances their understanding of the complexities and implications of AI technologies. Ideally volunteers will have a career in AI or have a working knowledge of AI and how it impacts on peoples' everyday lives and the careers of the future.

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

Guess My Job, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-15:00

**7 volunteer spaces**

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.

### **Leighton Park School, Reading**

Get Shirty, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 08:30-16:15, Year 9

**4 volunteer spaces**

Students will spend the day with business volunteers, developing ideas and producing a comprehensive business plan for an independent t-shirt manufacturing company. The students will produce a detailed portfolio which contains all of their design ideas, packing requirements, promotional material and financial plans as well as design and create a team t-shirt. Students will be guided by EBP staff and volunteers. A full briefing will be given in advance. No prior preparation is required. **Whatever**



**your specialism (mentoring, strategy, finance, marketing, design, etc), you will be well-placed to support these young people.**

**Bradfield College, Reading**

Financial Awareness: Cost of Living, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-12:00, Year 12

**4 volunteer spaces**

This workshop aims to increase student's financial awareness and understanding about the cost of living. The workshop engages students and helps them realise that choices made now can make a real difference to their standard of living in adult life. Business Ambassadors are required to support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their own advice and expertise. This one-hour workshop will be delivered three times over the course of the morning. A full briefing will be given in advance. No prior preparation is required.

**The Wren School, Reading**

Champions of Enterprise, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 09:30-15:00, Year 8

**9 volunteer spaces**

This event aims to give students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors support students throughout the workshop, helping them with their decision making and problem solving. The students will be asked to present their solution to a business problem, and you will be asked to judge the student presentations.

**The Wren School, Reading**

Guess My Job, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 09:30-13:30, Year 7

**7 volunteer spaces**

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.

**Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading**

Financial Awareness: The Borrowing Battle

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 08:30–11:00, Year 12

**1 volunteer space**

Aimed at students embarking on futures that require increased financial independence, we delve into the world of borrowing money.

In this 1-hour workshop, we will look at a number of borrowing options aiming to support students as they move into the next stages of their lives. Volunteers will share their experiences with the students and provide ideas, tips and tricks to make sure students keep their finances on track.

**Kidmore End Church of England Primary School, Reading**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 08:30–10:30, Year 3–6

**5 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)**

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.

**Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading**

Guess My Job, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 08:30–14:00, Year 7

**1 volunteer space**

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.

**Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford**

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Thatcham**

\*Guess My Job, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 09:30–10:30, Year 4

**1 volunteer space**

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.

**\*Please note:** This event is sponsored by an organisation who hope to provide the necessary volunteers. However, we are looking for volunteers who would be happy to be put on a reserve list in case the sponsor can't provide the required numbers. Thank you.

### **Burghclere Primary School, Burghclere**

Guess My Job & Intro to Engineering

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Time TBC, Years 4, 5 & 6

**4 volunteers needed (STEM background helpful)**

Guess My Job: This is a fun event for students to learn about job roles they may not be aware of and to break down stereotypes. Business Volunteers are asked a number of questions by the students, to which they can only answer Yes or No. The students can 'guess their job' in a given time.

Volunteers then spend a few more minutes with the students, answering questions in more detail about what they do.

Intro to Engineering: The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. Business Ambassadors will help students with an interactive problem to solve. Business Volunteers will receive a full briefing prior to the event and a briefing on the morning of the event. No advance preparation is needed.

### **St Finian's Catholic Primary School, Thatcham**

Guess My Job, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 13:00-15:00, Year 5

**5 volunteer spaces**

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.

**Whitelands Park Primary School, Thatcham**

Guess My Job, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Time TBC, Year 4

6 volunteer spaces

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.

**Thatcham Park CE Primary School, Thatcham**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 13:00-15:00, Year 6

6 volunteer spaces

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.

**John O'Gaunt School, Hungerford**

Interview Preparation, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 09:30-13:30, Year 10

2 volunteer spaces

You will support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering their own advice and expertise about what they do to prepare for a job interview. You will not be expected to deliver any content but be available to share insights, experiences and advice about interviews.

**John O'Gaunt School, Hungerford**

Guess My Job, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-11:30, Year 10

7 volunteer spaces

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.

(The school will be running in-house Mock Interviews with the students from 11.30am until 12.30pm. If you are able to support the school with that activity as well then please let us know. Thank you.)



### **St Bartholomew's School Sixth Form, Newbury**

Champions of Enterprise, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 08:15-15:15, Year 12

**13 volunteer spaces**

This event aims to give students a better understanding of teamwork and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors support students throughout the workshop, helping them with their decision making and problem solving. The students will be asked to present their solution to a business problem, and you will be asked to judge the student presentations.

### **Kennet School, Thatcham**

Mock Interviews, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 08:30-15:30, Year 11

**20 volunteer spaces**

Business volunteers from a cross-section of organisations help facilitate mock interviews sessions and share their expertise. Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

## **Swindon / Wiltshire**

### **The Corsham School, Corsham**

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 08:45-14:00, Year 7

**2 volunteer spaces**

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

**Baydon St Nicholas CE Primary School, Baydon**

Scrap Challenge, Tuesday 21st April, 09:00–12:00, Year 3/4/5/6

1 volunteer space (STEM background helpful)

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

**The Minster CE Primary School, Warminster**

Guess My Job, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 09:15–10:15, Year 6

4 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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.

**The Minster CE Primary School, Warminster**

Introduction to Engineering, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 10:45–11:45, Year 5

1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

**Great Bedwyn CofE School, Marlborough**

Scrap Challenge, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 09:00–12:00, Year 5/6

2 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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

**Great Bedwyn CofE School, Marlborough**

Introduction to Engineering, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 13:00-15:00, Year 5/6

1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

**Lethbridge Primary School, Swindon**

Introduction to Engineering, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 09:00-11:30, Year 5

1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

**The Corsham School, Corsham**

Guess My Job, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 08:45-14:30, Year 8

4 volunteer spaces

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.

**Bridlewood Primary School, Swindon**

Guess My Job, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 09:30-11:45, Year 5/6

6 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

### **Bridlewood Primary School, Swindon**

Introduction to Engineering, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 13:00-15:00, Year 5/6

**1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)**

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

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

Get Shirty, Friday 5th June, 08:30-15:10, Year 8

**10 volunteer spaces**

Students will spend the day with business volunteers, developing ideas and producing a comprehensive business plan for an independent t-shirt manufacturing company. The students will produce a detailed portfolio which contains all of their design ideas, packing requirements, promotional material and financial plans as well as design and create a team t-shirt. Students will be guided by EBP staff and volunteers. A full briefing will be given in advance. No prior preparation is required. **Whatever your specialism (mentoring, strategy, finance, marketing, design, etc), you will be well-placed to support these young people.**

### **The Deanery CE Academy, Swindon**

Guess My Job, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-12:30,

**3 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)**

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.

### **Castle Mead School, Trowbridge**

Scrap Challenges, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 09:00-12:00, Year 6

**2 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)**

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

**Great Western Academy, Swindon**

Guess My Job, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Time TBC, Year 8

Volunteer spaces TBC (STEM background helpful)

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.

**Castle Mead School, Trowbridge**

Take Cover: STIXX, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 13:00-15:00, Year 6

2 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

Students are introduced to the concept of civil engineering and hear from business ambassadors who talk about the industry. Students then take part in a practical engineering challenge where they work in teams and use Stixx rods to create a structure that the team can fit into, improving their problem solving, team working, creative thinking and time management skills.

**The Corsham School, Corsham**

Mock Interviews, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 08:45-13:00, Year 10

11 volunteer spaces

Business volunteers from a cross-section of organisations are required to help facilitate mock interviews sessions and share their expertise. Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

## Oxfordshire

### **St Michael's CofE Primary School, Oxford**

Guess My Job, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 09:00-11:00, Years 5/6

3 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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.

### **St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Oxford**

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 13:00-15:00, Year 5/6

2 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

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

### **Woodstock Church of England Primary School, Woodstock**

Introduction to Engineering, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 08:30-11:30, Years 5/6

1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

### **Middle Barton Primary School, Chipping Norton**

Introduction to Engineering, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 09:00-10:00, Years 5/6

1 volunteer space (engineering sector would be great, but not essential)

The aim of this workshop is to understand how engineers shape our world, by learning the different types of engineering that is available. You will help



students with an interactive problem to solve. You will receive a full briefing prior to and on the day of the event.

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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:

## DESTINATIONS EXPO

WEST BERKSHIRE'S LARGEST  
INTERACTIVE CAREERS FAIR

We are delighted to announce the return of the largest careers fair in West Berkshire - **Destinations Expo 2026**. This fantastic event, now into its 4th year, will be held at Newbury College on **Thursday 8th October 2026**.

We are looking for businesses passionate about supporting and inspiring our future workforce to exhibit at the event

With over 1200 students in attendance alongside over 50 local, national and international businesses, this interactive and diverse careers fare is a unique opportunity to engage, enthuse and even source potential new talent, as well as networking and promoting your business.



*"This event is now the start of Xtrac's apprenticeship recruitment as we get so many positive enquiries that turn into employment."*

*"An inspiring motivational careers event that showcases the health sector and job roles in the NHS, well organised friendly team that helped the day go smoothly."*

**Sign up before 1st May 2026 to take advantage of our early bird offer of 20% off!**

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