



New College Mock Interviews

LEBC held a Mock Interviews event on 19th December at New College. There was a fantastic representation of employers there on the morning and the whole event was a huge success.

Event brief

Eighty Year 9 (aged 13 to 14 year olds) students were interviewed by employers from the world of work during the morning. Each student would have 15 minutes to complete an application form for their dream job. They were given expert advice and guidance on how to do this by one of the volunteers who also helped to calm their nerves and instil confidence in preparation for their forthcoming interview. Once the 15 minutes were up, the student would then make their way to an interview panel where they would then be asked questions by two volunteers from the world of work. This interview lasted 15 minutes. It also included an opportunity for the interviewer to share feedback on how the student performed throughout it in turn giving students some idea as to what their strengths and what they perhaps could improve on or bear in mind in the future.

Employer Feedback Quotes on the Event

“The event was well planned and gave me the opportunity to help in the education process – especially being able to give the students an insight into the interview process.”

Paul McGrellis, Army Careers Office

“It was very educational for both students and business volunteers. A real eye opener and totally beneficial.”

Luke Hutchings, BEST Solicitors

“I volunteered for this event because I wanted to help play a worthwhile role in helping the youngsters understand what in today’s competitive job market. The most beneficial part of the event was the job satisfaction – feeling like I’ve made a difference.”

Aysha Rahman, Job Centre Plus

“This was a good event and I was very pleased to support it.”

Ed Sibson, Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre

“I wanted to give something back to the local community and support the local schools. It was great sitting with the students and getting to know them and understand what their aspirations are.”

Sue Ellis, AXA PPP Healthcare

“This is the second time that I have attended this event and I enjoyed sharing my experiences and helping the students think about how they can prepare for their ideal job.”

Tracy Hollis, AXA PPP Healthcare

Teacher Quote

“Thank you LEBC for organising the Mock Interviews, could you also pass on our sincere thanks to your team that supported our students on the day, the event ran very smoothly and the students embraced the opportunity.”

Student quotes....

“I found the volunteers very friendly, they gave me some great advice – thank you!”

“This was really good and made me think about the future ahead of me.”

“The interview was really scary but it will definitely be easier next time now I know what to expect.”

We conducted an evaluation of the event and found the following from the students:

I enjoyed talking to the volunteers today	I found them helpful	I am interested in finding out even more about their jobs	I have learnt about jobs that I had never heard of before	My understanding of the skills needed in the world of work has improved	Hearing from the volunteers has made me think about my own future career path
96% agree	96% agree	79% agree	92% agree	88% agree	97% agree
0% disagree	0% disagree	3% disagree	0% disagree	0% disagree	0% disagree
4% not sure	4% not sure	18% not sure	8% not sure	12% not sure	3% not sure

If you are interested in the mock interview event why not get in touch? Contact fay.wilson@leics-ebc.org.uk.