

Jobcentre Plus Support For Schools Newsletter



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JCP Support for Schools Offer

To support mainstream secondary, SEN, PRU and ESC's as well as colleges and sixth forms. prioritising disadvantaged students.

Gatsby Benchmarks

GB2 Learning from Career and Labour Market Information

- Jobs for the future
- Local Labour market information
- Soft Skills
- Mock Interviews
- Application forms
- Preparation for Interviews
- Pre and Post Work Experience
- Telephone Techniques

GB3 Addressing the needs of each student

- Getting to know you sessions, strengths and qualities
- Soft Skills
- Mock Interviews
- CV sessions
- Digital footprint/ Social Media
- Bespoke careers academies
- Skills to Succeed

GB5 Encounters with Employers

- Careers events and Jobs fairs
- Pre and Post Work Experience sessions
- Mock Interviews

GB6 Experiences of the Workplace

- Preparation for Interviews
- Preparation for Work Experience



Before Easter we had a wonderful time visiting **St John's Special School** for 6 weeks delivering our careers academy. I think we experienced every type of weather during our time there including hail, snow and beautiful sunshine!



We really enjoyed getting to know the students and hearing how they were all feeling before getting started with our sessions. We were happy to be flexible with the sessions changing the day for one to allow the students the opportunity to see a production of



Oliver. As you can see from the thank you card they made for us I think they enjoyed the sessions too.



We were asked to deliver some employability sessions to the whole of year 8s at The Hemel Hempstead School last month. This was our first time delivering to year 8 students at this school and we were warmly welcomed by the staff and pupils. We delivered the sessions over 2 days and the whole year group were fully engaged. We look forward to working with them again.



We were invited to Laureate Academy's Enrichment Day in March for their year 10 students. It was a very busy day with lots of activities and visitors to the school. The students had a great time learning about their soft skills and how to apply them in the world of work. Here is some feedback:

The sessions/workshops you delivered were very informative and very helpful for the students. I am very thankful for all your hard work and dedication; I am hoping we can have you come back into the school in the near future.



World Book Day this year fell on a day when we were at Weatherfield Academy, so as not to be outdone by the



students and teachers alike we wanted to join in with the fun and went along as Snow White and Cinderella. There were some fabulous costumes about including Mr. Meenan as Hagrid! We also had one of our senior leaders for the South East come out with us.



Prathiba really enjoyed her time with us and it was very rewarding for her to see firsthand the work we do in schools. We would also like to say a big thankyou to the school for being so accommodating and welcoming the visit.

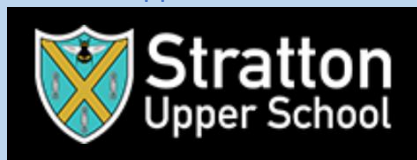


During Apprenticeship week we split ourselves up so that we could cover two careers fairs on the same day. Myself and my manager Jan went along to Wixams Academy



and spent all day talking to lots of students and informing them about the civil service. They had a question they needed the answer to from each employer, so it was good fun getting them to work out first which question related to us then what the answer was.

Viv and two of our colleagues Angela and Tyler went along to Stratton Upper School



and had an equally busy time. They were focussing more on any apprenticeships available within the civil service and took along some examples of live apprenticeships available at the time from civil service jobs.



Both events were very well run, and the students got a lot out of them speaking to everyone.



In January, we went back to Fearnhill School for the 5th year running to deliver sessions on CVs and Preparing for Interviews before ending with the mock interviews with their year 11 students. As it was the whole year group, we had help from our JCP colleagues, Doreen Pearson, Louise Peck-Cooper, and Angela Watts who kindly volunteered their time. Here's what Fearnhill had to say:



Year 11 Interview Day Preparation

On Thursday 31st January Year 11 students were off timetable for the afternoon where they were improving their CVs and preparing for their forthcoming interviews with external employers the following week.

We are grateful to Job Centre Support for schools who gave up their time to work with our students and provide them with real life case studies and tips and tricks on how to prepare and impress at interview. Students were also given the opportunity to update their CVs and learn how to showcase their skills and qualities on paper which will hopefully lead to the all important interview in the future.



Some links to partner websites:
[Careers and Enterprise company](#)
[Apprenticeship's Skills to Succeed](#)
[SEMLEP](#)
[Herts LEP](#)

