

Year 11 Mock Interview Day, 5th February 2016

Friday saw the entire Year 11 group invited to attend a mock interview with a variety of special guests. The idea of the day was to give students the opportunity to understand the process of an interview including learning to prepare beforehand, creating a CV and being put on the spot with questions. Prior to the day students had given their career choices to Mrs Wilkinson, our Careers Coordinator, who then drew up a rota for interviews.

Guests who attended to help out with interviews came from a wide range of local employers including Sainsburys, Costain, EDF Energy, the British Army, Lancashire Constabulary, Barclays Bank, Scott and Wilkinson Solicitors, Chris Bowker and University of Cumbria, as well as some familiar and friendly faces from our Governing Body and the Lancaster Rotary Club.

The day was a mixture of emotions with lots of students feeling very nervous, but the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Students presented themselves extremely well, and plans are now being put into place to ensure everyone takes something away to work on and improve for when it comes to applying for jobs and university.

Lottie Horner from EDF Energy said "It was nice to be involved with the development of the young people and their transition into work life."

Steve Booth from Sainsburys said "It was a great day! The pupils came across engaged in the process and I feel I have given them all positive feedback to take them to a higher level".

Jack Glenholmes from EDF Energy said "I found the experience very interesting, to be involved in the pupils' development towards working life. I think the concept of the day is brilliant as doing interviews is one of the more scary parts of leaving school. I was glad to be a part of it today."

A key part of the recruitment process mentioned by the guests was that a CV is paramount to employers. We are working hard to ensure all our Year 11 cohort have a professional and concise CV to use as a foundation, as they move on in life they can adapt this document and add their new working experience and personal developments.

A big well done to the year group for taking on this challenge, even top professionals feel the nerves when facing an interview, but the first one is always the worst!