



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear parents and carers,

NEXT GENERATION – WORK EXPERIENCE (WEX) PROGRAMME 12-14 JULY 2022

As the GCSE season closes, and everyone in your household sighs with relief, attention turns to the long Summer holidays!

I wrote to you all back in May about the chance for your Year 11 to take part in a School Work Experience event running in July and I would like to take the opportunity to remind you about this programme as your Year 11 looks to fill their Summer.

As more traditional face-to-face work experience has not been easy to find for our students over the last Covid years we have looked at different ways of getting opportunities for our pupils to interact with businesses and organisations to develop their transferable skills as part of their ongoing and important careers education. Any opportunities to work with businesses and to hear what employers are looking for in employees is valuable knowledge and helps them to build these skills sets and experience to put on that all important CV for their future.

This event will develop a whole range of career skills that can help them get that all important first part-time job or Summer job this year and will be a chance to meet up with their friends again to do some activities!

As part of our **School Work Experience events programme** for our pupils, we have added in a three-day programme called Next Generation. This has been specially designed for Key Stage 4/5 and is delivered by a number of businesses, in school. We would like to offer your Year 11 a place on the 3-day programme 12-14 July. This is a **voluntary programme that they can opt into**, although we would encourage your Year 11 to attend as it is a valuable experience and will support their induction into their Year 12 studies and our Careers Programme in sixth form.

Dates: 12,13, 14 July 2022 – Next Generation WEX Programme

Location: Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

Agenda: The three days of activities will be based inside and outside on our site. It is being run by an outside organisation called ELSA and involves a range of organisations such as: the Army, Computacenter and a mix of either Jarvis Group, Morgan Sindall, Network Rail, Whitbread and PayPoint. Each day will have a mix of different skills run by the employers.

Types of activities: Employee expectations, values, business etiquette, speed networking, job role match, conflict resolution, bid writing, customer service scenarios, communication and team building

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exercises including obstacle courses, creative challenges from managing robots to creating your own vehicle.

As this is a voluntary programme for Year 11, your Year 11 can come to all three days or choose days to attend. We only ask that you complete the form attached regarding the days and that you authorise their attendance. Your child is still part of the school cohort until the end of the school year so usual school rules and attendance will be required once signed up for the programme. However, this day will be run in non-uniform (appropriate business attire) and lunch arrangements are as usual.

I will need to know confirmed numbers please for the ELSA company to run the day effectively and so that the school office and school catering know the numbers of people on site. For this purpose, I attach a short **form for you to return online please by July 8th 2022.**

<https://forms.gle/tMN1Wixom3bsnp227>

If your Year 11 or you would like any more information about the programme please do contact me direct on jhiggins@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk Also once numbers are confirmed full details of the days will be sent out to you and your child.

I do hope you and your Year 11 will consider this great careers' opportunity.

Kind regards

Mrs Higgins

Subject Lead for Careers