



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear parents and carers

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

As part of your child's ongoing careers education and with a longer summer holiday ahead of them, post GCSE, I thought I would let you know of an opportunity for Year 11 to get some extra work experience in a school programme we are running at the end of the school year.

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.

As part of our **School Work Experience events programme** this year, we have added in a three-day programme called Next Generation. This has been specially designed for Key Stage 4 and is delivered by a number of businesses, in school. We would like to offer your child 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.

The programme is running for some Year 10s as an alternative to traditional face-to-face work experience, however, we have now opened up a separate programme running alongside for any Year 11s who would like to attend as we see it as a benefit to all Key Stage 4 pupils.

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

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As this is a voluntary programme for Year 11, running alongside but separate from Year 10, your child 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 by Friday 27th May 2022 please.**

<https://forms.gle/tMN1Wixom3bsnp227>

I appreciate that your Year 11 is preoccupied with the start of the GCSE exams, however, hopefully this opportunity will start them planning for their long summer break and will help them in preparing for life outside school and their future options.

I have already mentioned this opportunity briefly to Year 11 in their Apprenticeship assembly at the end of April, however if they 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 child will consider this great careers opportunity.

Kind regards

Mrs Higgins

Subject Lead for Careers