

WELCOME

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE EVENING



Retail
Pharmacist
Assistant?

Junior
Clerk?

Teaching
Assistant?

General
Construction
Assistant?

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INTRODUCTIONS

- **Zoë Conneally**
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Leicestershire Education Business Company
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- **Liz Mee**
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ACADEMY



FORMAT OF THE EVENING . . .

- Why are all year 10 doing work experience? - **Z. Conneally**
- The role of LEBC and how you can support your child to be successful - **A. Bevins**
- An opportunity for questions from the audience.
- 6.30pm onwards a chance to ask individual questions and chat with staff about any issues or concerns.

9th – 13th MARCH 2020

IS WORK EXPERIENCE

- Parents were surveyed last year.
- Overwhelmingly positive responses from parents about doing work experience.
- At this point parents were asked whether they would pay. This has been resolved
- Any issues that were raised by parents have been addressed

WHY WORK EXPERIENCE MATTERS

- Employers tell us that young people are not work ready.
- Curriculum is much more than just exams and qualifications.
- We aim to equip all our students with the skills needed to be successful in whatever they choose to do in the future.
- Develops the whole person.
- First real experience of independence.
- First real insight into what the world of work is about.

QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS

- When will my child get to know where they will be going for work experience?
- Does my child get to choose where they go?
- If we can find a placement, can my child do this?
- Will students be making their own way to the place of work or will they all go as a school?
- Do students have to officially work or do they just need to watch professional workers to get the experience?

QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS (CONTINUED...)

- Do students need to wear formal clothes?
- How many hours can a young person do in his/her work placement per week?
- Will they be supervised and do they get any training before they start in their placement setting?
- Do students need to attend an interview?
- Ideally my child would like work experience in the field of their career choice. Would this be possible ?

QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS (CONTINUED...)

- What and how much guidance and support do the school careers staff offer the children in year 10 and 11?
- Will the students get a certificate upon completion?
- Will the work experience be during school times (8:30am to 2:55pm) or might there be other timings?
- Will any lessons be missed in school?

WHAT ELSE?

- Whatever the experience, it is all learning.
- Some of our most challenging students have had great success on work experience.
- Attitude is paramount as is a willingness to learn.
- Being prepared to travel prepares them for the future.
- Using initiative and being positive alongside manners and commitment go far!



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Things are all being prepared in the background by LEBC.

- Students will hear about their placements after Christmas.
- Placements, once allocated, cannot be changed.
- Interviews will be attended.
- Placements will be completed.
- Success will be celebrated and shared.