

# Employability Assemblies



Employability was the theme for our school assemblies last week. This is always a great opportunity to share key messages about employability to a large group of students. Year 11s used the time for their mock results and, for the other year groups we chose a range of different subjects.

We were delighted that we had support from a number of students who were happy to present and we covered the following areas:

**Year 7s:** An overview of the most sought after employability skills, what exactly employers are looking for and how the skills relate to our 5 'R's'. We also covered the relevance of studying and the possible jobs you can have as an outcome. Four of the Employability Prefects; Louis Lonsdale, Alex Deacon, Isabel Allen and Carolyn Gordon spoke very clearly about what the Year 7s can expect with respect to activities they will be involved in over the next few years relating to Employability and Careers. The Deputy Head Girl of Year 7, Eleanor Da Souza also spoke about the skills she had developed as part of the Christmas disco project team.

**Year 8s:** The Year 8s had a presentation by Sophie Cockayne, our Connexions Advisor, who introduced our students to the GCSE options process. She talked about the reasons for choosing a broad range of subjects and making choices for the right reasons. She also discussed relating subjects to a variety of different employment roles.

**Year 9s:** This year group are in the process of being assessed in presentation skills so we took the opportunity to talk through some hints and tips for presenting. We talked about structure, content and of course, body language. We then talked a little about behaviour and code of conduct at work – 'should behaviour be any different in school?'

**Year 10s:** As work experience is fast approaching, Andrea Gilbey played a great video showing how valuable work experience will be and then a year 11 student, Leandra De Buck, spoke incredibly well about her time working within an HR team for a large organisation last year. She explained how she managed to get the placement and described what she feels she gained from the experience.

A huge thank you to the students who helped to deliver these assemblies. It takes a lot of courage to speak in front of a large group of peers but is, of course, an amazing development opportunity!

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