



# **PRESS RELEASE**

# School hosts Employer Networking Event

**The Wellington Academy hosted a networking event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

The Wellington Academy careers team hosted their first Employer and Education Partnership event at the school. The event originated at Kingsbury Green Academy and for the first time has been part of the careers strategy at The Wellington Academy. The event is designed to welcome local companies into school to network with the careers team, staff and pupils to foster a collaborative relationship.



Each school has a designated careers contact but work across the Trust to share resources and knowledge. The ALT Careers team vision is 'challenge, aspire and network' which looks to work alongside and support each school's individual vision. Using the networking event and inviting companies to be part of our community supports our strategy and gives students access to a wide variety of opportunities.

ALT Careers team are creating opportunities for the students throughout the academic year; work experience placements, university and college visits, as well as opportunities to meet businesses at School Career Fairs.

The team are coordinating access to various opportunities, allowing students to develop their skills such as listening, speaking, staying positive and more – all skills we encourage using the Skills Builder programme. One of the other events held throughout the year is career insight opportunities, 'Meet A...'. These are held virtually across the Trust or in-person in a school, the students are able to have Q&A's regarding job roles with previous insights held with an RAF pilot and a TV presenter.

Another opportunity mentioned on Tuesday will be for the school to host mock interviews for Year 8, 10 and 12 with either local or national employers. The mock interview invites businesses to video call or meet students in person. During the partnership event on Tuesday, a local business woman went on to say “As a mother of three, it’s a struggle to get them to talk about themselves or sell themselves. I think it’s extremely important to prepare them for those all important interviews.”



Penny Hockley, Careers Coordinator for The Wellington Academy, commented “We want to be able to help support our students towards their career and future. By embedding careers as a part of our curriculum, we are giving our students the opportunity to understand how their education can enable them to pursue their dream but also give them the right tools for their future. These networking events have worked well at Kingsbury Green Academy and I look forward to welcoming more local & national businesses as we continue to host these events to support out school.”