



CEO visits Hodge Hill College

On Wednesday 14th February Hodge Hill College were very lucky to welcome Ian Stuart, the CEO of HSBC to our school to give a talk to Year 10 students and also take questions from the students.

Mr Stuart's talk began with his own personal route where he spoke about the virtues of hard work, for example he had his first job at the age of 6 completing a milk round. He also spoke about his regrets at not working hard enough at school as it meant that he had to go back to night school later in his life to get the qualifications he needed and wanted. Mr Stuart went with the logic that if you put everything into your education then it will bear fruit in later years when you have a job.



He spoke about how he went to university at the age of 36 to gain a degree and become a graduate as he saw the priceless value within education as his passport to becoming more successful.

During the Q&A session, he did not duck out of any questions and when inevitably asked about how much he earns he said it was seven figures without giving an exact number, mainly because he said it all goes into his wife's account! Further questions were asked about various items such as advice on how to be successful and Mr Stuart said there was no magic pill, and that hard work and a positive attitude were key factors. He ended on the fact that it was crucial to do something that one enjoys for their career and that no amount of money can make a job worthwhile if you don't like what you're doing so find your passion, pursue it and be resilient towards the barriers you may come across!

Many thanks to Mr Stuart for taking the time out of his incredibly busy schedule to come to Hodge Hill College and we hope we can work together again in the near future.

Mr J Patel (Aspiring Leader)

CEO OF HISTORIC ENGLAND COMES TO HODGE HILL COLLEGE



Duncan Wilson OBE, who is the CEO of Historic England came to Hodge Hill College to speak to Year 9 and Year 10 students about the work that Historic England does and how the student's potential History GCSE grade could lead to a career within this business or other jobs related to History and the skills you gain from studying this subject.

Historic England, formerly known as English Heritage, has a primary task of protecting the historic environment by preserving and protecting buildings and often repurposing them so they can be used for other functions, for example, rescuing a derelict Victorian swimming pool on Hastings seafront and turning it into a state of the art facility for BMX riders and skaters.

Several pieces of work have been done locally to the school such as the Coffin Works in the Jewellery Quarter, Ward End Park House and Curzon Street which was the original railway station in Birmingham.

There are numerous roles required therefore Duncan and his colleague Becky Bryant spoke about just a handful of those jobs and their importance from both a regional, cultural and business point of view.

Thank you to Mr Wilson and Mrs Bryant for coming in to talk to our students about careers related to History.



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GUEST SPEAKER MOTIVATES YEAR 11



Earlier this month, Year 11 were lucky enough to be visited by renowned motivational speaker; Cameron Parker.

Mr Parker spoke about several things during his hour long talk including the difficulties he faced during his early years, such as, his parents getting divorced and the detrimental impact this had upon his studies and subsequently his GCSE grades as well as his plans for post-16 study.

Due to the similar age this occurred to him and our own age, this had a heavy impact upon us but more motivating and uplifting was his story of hard work and resilience to positively turn his life around. He is now at the stage in life where he owns two successful businesses and shown to us the benefits of a never give up attitude. When I spoke to Mr Parker, he was full of praise for us students calling us the 'best he had ever worked with' in the four years that he had been coming to Hodge Hill.

'Cameron was very funny and made me feel motivated to do well in my GCSEs'. – IK

'He made me feel like I can achieve anything'. - AB

'I could relate to Mr Parker's past and it made me think about making the most out of Year 11'. - RR

YEAR 8 PUPILS INSPIRED TO TAKE UP CAREERS IN THE NHS

On Thursday 6th December 2018, Year 8 pupils were lucky enough to have two guest speakers from the NHS as part of the institute's 70th birthday celebrations. The visitors were Dr Jonathan Leach who is a GP and his daughter Dr Helen Leach who is a junior doctor and is also currently completing a PGCE so that she can teach medicine.

Dad and daughter spoke to all 240 pupils in Year 8 about the vast range of jobs within the NHS including doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, dentists and many more. Dr Jonathan Leach is the Joint Honorary Secretary of the Royal College of General Practitioners.



Dr Jonathan Leach was able to speak about his vast experience within several strands of healthcare including his time within the army. Dr Helen Leach was able to talk about the route she took to Medical School including her GCSE subjects which was very relatable for our Year 8 students.

The doctors had very infectious (no pun intended!) enthusiasm and spoke for 30 minutes before it was the audience's turn to ask questions. Some very curious questions included about cures for cancer, the common cold and as Mr Read asked, yes man-flu does exist according to a recent article from the British Medical Journal.

Dr Jonathan spoke about the need to remain active, keep warm and eat healthily and well during this cold period in particular to try and stay as fit and healthy as possible.

Our Year 8 pupils came away thinking about jobs in the NHS they may not have previously considered with information about salaries and the skills required provided by the speakers. **The NHS is the country's largest employer offering more than 350 types of profession, many requiring STEM qualifications.** A very big thank you to Dr Jonathan Leach and Dr Helen Leach for giving up time from their busy schedules to hopefully inspire our pupils to consider careers within healthcare.

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BBC 1XTRA COME TO INSPIRE YEAR 10



BBC Radio returned to Hodge Hill College this year with 1Xtra as part of their tour to inspire Year 10 with a panel-based around the question of 'What would I tell my 15-year-old self?'

Amongst the panel this year was Renee from BBC Operations, C4 a nationally renowned rapper from Aston and Sam Rasmin who writes for Creative Gen UK. The host of the panel was once again Hodge Hill College alumnus Sideman Allday who brought his unique flavour of street language and wise words to the event.

The panelists spoke about numerous things such as their GCSE choices and the roles these subjects play in their current projects,

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for example, both C4 and Sam Rasmin talked about how their English education helps them in their respective writing ventures. Renee spoke about her experiences in a very high pressure but often male-dominated industry and how she was metaphorically breaking down doors to make it easier for female students to enter this sector.

Thank you to all of the panelists involved and we hope the advice was useful for our Year 10s.

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Year 8 learn about logistics with DHL

On Tuesday 11th June eight employees from DHL came into Hodge Hill College to help Year 8 pupils learn more about the world of logistics.



Did you know that 1 in 12 jobs are in logistics whether that be a heavy goods vehicle driver, a transport manager, a warehouse operative or any of the other thousands of jobs involved in this huge sector? That means a number of our pupils may well work in this industry in the future and the objective of the day was for the students to learn more about the different roles involved and how to get there in terms of qualifications and behavioural traits required.

The day began with an assembly with the whole of Year 8 where DHL used the example of Ed Sheeran's worldwide tour to highlight just how important it is to get the logistics right. Without this, tickets, venues, set design, merchandise and so many other pivotal parts of the concert would not be in the right place at the right time. DHL then worked with four classes in an employability workshop where the pupils looked at some jobs which exist in logistics and then discussed said jobs to examine the qualifications and traits necessary to be successful in that job. Some of the employees from DHL also gave a mini presentation about how they got to the position they are now in demonstrating that everyone has to start somewhere and through hard work and experience one can progress.

Thank you to Andrew Button-Stephens, Richard Turner, Sue Jordan, Stephen Nee, Suk Sandhu, Genna Tooley, Carol Peckham and Oz Jordan from DHL for taking time of their very busy schedules to come and inspire our pupils at HHC.

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