

Your Futures Conference.

At Burton Borough School we aim to give our young people as many opportunities as possible to develop transferable employability skills and explore different career experiences. A highlight of our year 11 calendar is the annual "Your Futures Conference" which we hold at a local university campus.

Students have the opportunity to get dressed up in professional business attire whilst taking part in six workshops to improve confidence and employability. Part of this day, which is often student's favourite, is a mock interview. Students complete an application form and personal statement in school, stating their area of interest. We then match students with one of our 40+ interviewers from local and national businesses who give up their time for the day to support our young people.

Students will have an allotted 30-minute slot for the interview which will include verbal and written feedback. Immediately prior to their interview slot they take part in an interactive workshop on body language and interview skills.

We have a provisional date of Friday 22nd January, but this may need to be postponed, dependant on COVID guidelines.

Not sure how you can support your son or daughter?

Once our students have received their application packs, any support you can give them with completion and personal statements would be beneficial. Additional support on writing a personal statement can be found at:

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/80/how-to-write-a-brilliant-ucas-personal-statement>

<https://www.fish4.co.uk/career-advice/how-to-write-personal-statement/>

You could also help with interview practice as this can often be the part that students lack confidence with prior to attending the conference. Additional support for interview practice can be found at:

<https://www.myinterviewpractice.com/blog/mock-interview-questions-and-answers-for-students/>

<https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/interviewing/interview-questions-for-student>

