

# NEWSLETTER

## New developments

*providing improved access to WRL activities*



Everyone knows that budgets for the coming years will be squeezed as the Governments spending review takes effect.

To ensure students still receive, and you can still deliver outstanding WRL to your students, we have decided to offer schools the opportunity to 'Hire' our most popular activities for a fraction of the cost of our normal activity charges and deliver them to your students yourself.

Our tried and tested WRL activities are available to you via a secure area on our web site so you can not only save time and money but also ensure you meet the requirements of the QCA Framework and Ofsted.



Prices start from as little as 99p\* per student.

So if you'd like to know more please call us on 01268 249799 or complete the attached booking form and return it by email to [maria@tppe.org](mailto:maria@tppe.org)

\* min fee applies

### Changes afoot

In this issue of our newsletter we look at ways in which you can deliver outstanding WRL to your students at a more affordable price.

Also as more information is being received about the Government changes to the Vetting and Barring Scheme it's becoming more likely that volunteers visiting schools will no longer require an Enhanced CRB. We'd like to know how you feel about these changes.

Please email us or visit us on Facebook and leave a comment.



We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

*Maria Ramsey*

### MOCK INTERVIEWS

A frightening time for many students moving from school onto college or into the job market is having that first interview.

The pressure to perform well, to make a good impression, and the fact that a potential job/future career depends on how they do makes these first steps into the world of work a stressful experience for many.

#### So how can you help them?

The Phoenix Partnership can run a programme in your school that offers your students a complete 'mock interview' experience.

**'A very worthwhile experience'**

Prior to having a 'mock interview', each student may complete an

application form or write a CV and covering letter.

On the day each student receives up to 30 minutes with an

external business volunteer, who not only has been there and done that, but is happy to pass on many of the tips they have picked up over the years.

The interviewer gives the student verbal feedback on how the interview went and the information provided in their application form or CV, as well as completing written feedback that they can keep.

**'The programme was very successful and I would recommend it to others'**

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At the end of the interview the student also completes their own personal feedback on how they felt and what they've learnt from the experience.

The programme runs over 1 or 2 days dependent on the school requirements and the number of students taking part in the programme, usually a whole year group. A Phoenix Team member is available

on the day(s) to run the event for you and we will not only recruit the interviewers but assist

in scheduling the students appointments, provide all the documentation required and complete a feedback report on

**'Brilliant advice'**

**THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Here are some of the companies whose staff have volunteered in Essex, Southend and Thurrock schools during the past year.

**'It was very helpful and challenging. Good practice for later life'**

how the students felt about the event.

If you would like to discuss running a 'mock interview' event in your school call us on 01268 249799 or email us at [contactus@tppe.org](mailto:contactus@tppe.org)

Visit [www.yourthurrock.com](http://www.yourthurrock.com) to see their report on The Gateway Academy interviews which took place on the 7th March.

Caroline Thomas one of the interviewers has written a blog about her experiences and this can be seen at <http://livinginthurrock.posterous.com>

Both links are also available from our web and facebook page.

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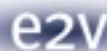
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