



## WEX Business Lunch 2015



After a very successful work experience programme completed by the Year 10 students of Washwood Heath Academy a Business Lunch was held in recognition of our students outstanding achievements. The Business Lunch was an opportunity for the businesses and students who had partaken in the programme to present their experiences and network with one another.

Students presented their experience to employers and stated what they had gained by being part of the WEX programme. They discussed how this has influenced their future choices in what career to pursue and even what educational route they are looking to follow once completing the programme. **68% of students who took part in the programme agreed it has influenced their 'future career choice' with 92% of students also agreeing 'this has given them a better understanding of the job role'.**

Employers had the chance to ask students questions based on their experiences and how employers could help in bettering the programme overall for the upcoming academic year. **80% of students agreed that the activities provided by employers during the WEX week has 'raised their aspirations'.**



During lunch students had a chance to liaise with employers receiving beneficial information that will play a vital role in them completing school and moving forward into higher education making them one step closer to their future career. They also spoke about the opportunities of apprenticeships within the business and how the students could achieve gaining a job by following this option. Washwood Heath Academy was joined by many organisations such as; Marks and Spencers, Leigh Junior and Infant School, Hingleys Pharmacy, Ace Resource Centre, I Move Properties and many more businesses that were a part of the Business Lunch.



**Washwood Heath Academy has received a high number of interest from businesses looking forward to working with our students in a bigger and better WEX Programme for 2016.**

