

Academy Edition - 11th December 2016

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## Talk the Talk: Communication matters for ESSA Academy Students

On the 21st of November ESSA Academy students took part in a Professional Interview Day. Local professionals from a range of sectors gave up their time to conduct mock interviews with our students.

The day was a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop important skills that they will need for future university and job interviews.

Paul Brown from Wigan and Leigh College said "It's a great opportunity for the students to have a run through prior to the real thing. It's always a privilege for me to learn so much about the achievements of the young people."

On the 23rd of November, students at Essa Academy worked with expert trainers from the education charity Talk the Talk.

Talk the Talk's mission is to improve students' communication skills to enable positive interaction in all life situations.

Talk the Talk has trained over 10,000 Year 9 & 10 students in the past twelve months in England and Wales and nearly 50,000 since they first started - using a programme developed over the past five years.

This exciting and engaging master-class in essential speaking and listening skills within a creative classroom environment teaches students how to use persuasive language techniques to get 'their message' across.

The day highlights and nurtures employability skills, interview techniques and key presentation skills.



Visit our YouTube channel for video clips of the Professional Interview Day and the Talk the Talk Event

### Upcoming dates for the diary

**5th-11th December** Computer Science Week (Hour of Code)

**13th December** Christmas Dinner

**22nd December** Term Ends



## ESSA Students take the 2016 World Challenge!

> After months of planning, finally our students and staff got the opportunity to visit Morocco on the World Challenge 2016.

The students had 4 days of trekking in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, challenging themselves to reach new heights through valleys, rivers and forests.

The group then spent time at a women's refuge, watching mothers learn crafts such as hairdressing and sewing, whilst their children were being taught in classrooms. The young children then watched in awe as our students put on a production of the 3 little pigs that earned a well deserved applause.

The students then had the chance to wander through the souks, taking in the splendor of Marrakesh square.

The trip was an amazing opportunity and experience for all those involved and both Mr Carney and Miss Harwood are already planning the next adventure.



## Blood Brothers at The Lowry

On Thursday the 17th of November we took a number of Year 10 and Year 11 English and Drama students to The Lowry Theatre to watch a production of Blood Brothers.

This was a fantastic opportunity for them to see an important GCSE text being performed live. Students found the experience to be both educational and important but really fun!

<http://www.thelowry.com>

## Mannequin Challenge!

Staff across the ESSA Foundation Academies Trust have created their own



Mannequin Challenge video! The film has had over 6000 hits across YouTube, Facebook and Twitter in its first week of release.

You can watch the film (and many more) on our YouTube channel.

[www.youtube.com/essa](http://www.youtube.com/essa)



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