



Downe House

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Downe House hosts Schools Interview Exchange

Earlier this month Downe House School was delighted to welcome pupils and staff from five local schools for an exchange of knowledge, techniques and advice aimed at preparing pupils for university interviews for Oxbridge and Medicine. It is always incredibly valuable for the pupil to be interviewed by someone completely unknown. With this in mind, Downe House was privileged to host Kennet School, St Bartholomew's School, Park House School, Trinity School and The Downs School for an annual School Interview Exchange.

The Exchange involved Downe House pupils being interviewed by teachers from the guest schools whilst their students were interviewed by Downe House teachers. This allowed everyone the opportunity to be interviewed by a subject specialist they do not know as well as being exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Indeed, what was especially valuable about the event, as well as the interview itself, was the opportunity to discuss and share expertise, both for the students and teachers.

Downe House student, Alexandra, said this of the event. "We were all given the opportunity to have a mock interview with a teacher from a different school about our own subject and personal statement. Engaging in an academic conversation and undergoing the experience of a real interview with an unfamiliar figure was extremely helpful and it was fascinating to be able to talk with other students applying for the same subject. I am sure that the experience as well as the feedback provided were invaluable in helping to improve the interview skills of all who attended."

Downe House would like to wish all students who took part in the exchange the very best of luck in the rest of their application and hope that this valuable event will have improved the chances of success for all the pupils that took part.

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Note to editors:

Downe House is an independent boarding school for girls aged 11-18 located in Cold Ash, Thatcham. A traditional school with a determined focus on the future, we fuel aspiration and challenge the girls as they grow into confident young women ready and able to play an active role as global citizens. We offer GCSE and A Level courses and Downe House girls go on to study at universities all over the world. For more information, visit www.downehouse.net

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