

## What next for Work Experience and Internship services in Hounslow?

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### Education Business Partnerships

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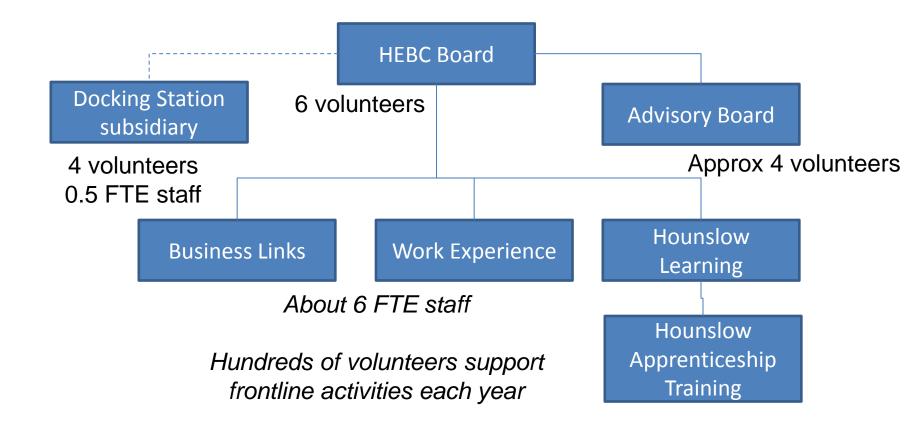
Emerged in late 1980s/early 1990s – Enabling efficient collaboration between education and business

## Hounslow Education Business Partnership

- HEBP works with schools, colleges and businesses to prepare young people for adult and working life and, by doing so, contributes to the economy and society of London Borough of Hounslow.
- Trace our formation back to 1980.
- From the outset chaired by a senior business representative – generously hosted by GSK for 25 years.
- Recently judged 'excellent' by the Institute for Education Business Excellence.
- This year incorporated as a charity and transferred our small staff team off the Local Authority payroll.



## Organisation





### In numbers...

HEBP works with c.5000 young people each year through:

- 3000+ Work Experience Placements
- 1300+ Health and Safety Visits
- 5000+ Business Links Opportunities
- Support for Hounslow's Broad Curriculum Offer
- 50 new employers engaged per annum
- c.£300k income/ expenditure per annum



### Corporate partnerships

- BAA Engineering Challenge
- BP Science Challenge
- British Airways Customer Service and Engineering
- Carillion Construction and Science Challenge
- Chiswick Park The WEX Factor
- IBM Finance Conference
- London Borough of Hounslow Apprenticeships and Work Experience
- Octink Industry day
- Thames Water Engineering Challenge
- The Army Sixth form induction
- London Syon Park, Waldorf Astoria Industry day
- West Middlesex Hospital Medical internships
- Worley Parsons Industry days

...and many more...

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"Work based context for future learning"

"Inspiration, energy and enthusiasm"

"A reason to go to school!"

"Informed career/study choice and greater employability"





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Promoting young people's employability through quality and professionalism





### Young people are facing an uncertain future...



- √ Youth unemployment is at record levels
- Economy remains fragile and growth is low
- Social mobility is getting worse rather than better
- ✓ Government is recommending work-related learning for 14-16 year-olds should no longer be statutory
- Focus on 'traditional' subjects is pushing enterprise and employability down the agenda





### ...and now more than ever they need high-quality employability support



- ✓ Provide context and relevance for subject-based studies
- Help them understand their local economy and community
- ✓ Increase motivation, raise aspiration and improve attainment
- ✓ Improve employability skills
- ✓ Help inform future learning and career choices





### IEBE is the professional home of education business practitioners



✓ Education business practitioner:

Anybody who organises, supports or participates in education business activities focused on young people's learning

- ✓ Launched June 2009 the first organisation of its kind in the world
- We set and safeguard the standards of employability-related learning





### We work to improve the employability and life chances of young people...



- Quality-assuring businesses, schools and specialist providers
- Accrediting individual practitioners
- Providing development opportunities and facilitating best practice exchange





#### ...through our ground-breaking Platform for Excellence™

Improved employability of all young people





High-quality organisations



Highly professional practitioners



For brokers



For schools



For businesses



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Qualifications

Best practice exchange







### How we make a difference





Business Ready™ schools work more effectively with business to embed employability in the curriculum



Education Ready™ businesses use their resources more effectively to support schools and colleges



Professionally-accredited teachers are better equipped to design effective learning opportunities



Professionally-accredited business people are better equipped to provide effective curriculum support











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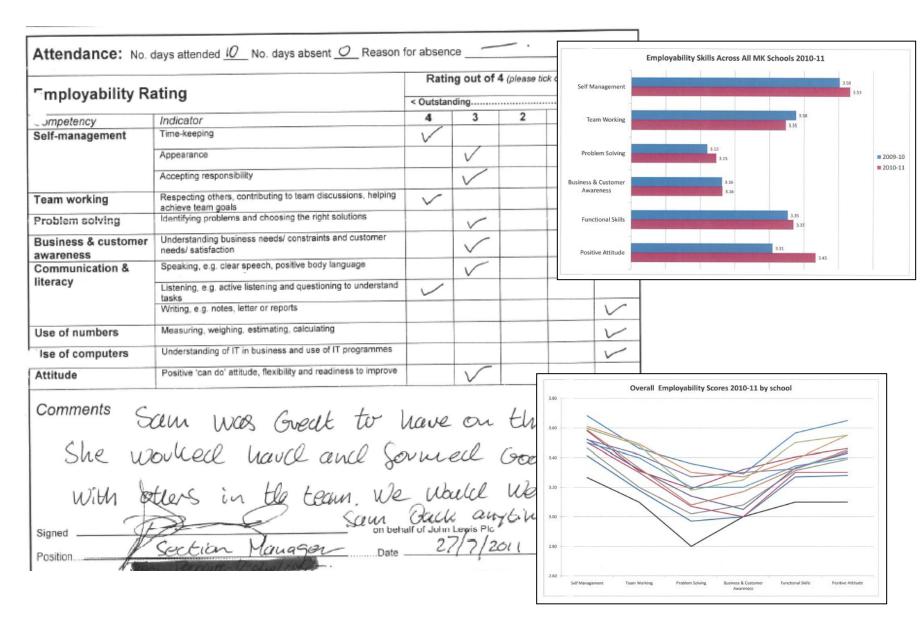


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#### Work Experience & Internships Wheel

Training for school Scope KS4/5 programme co-ordinators needs Set Detailed analysis H&S visits to **Programme** placement and report new host preferences Report **Optional** businesses on WebView Specialist placements -**Optional** Wex Factor In-school Pre-**Optional** Celebration placement Diary – preparation **Event Optional** Wex Factor Level 0, 1, 2 or 3 -**Optional** Post-**Placement** placement support HOUNSLOW reflection Telephone/ Email/ Web Education Business Mobile SMS - Optional

Partnership



In 2012 move to CBI Employability KPIs



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# The WEX Factor

- Innovating to improve quality of work experience
- Ensure that HEBP "provides young people with a line of sight to the future"
- 5 day programme equivalent to 1 GCSE introduces fundamental employability skills (presentation, teamwork, punctuality...)
- Last year 400 students completed successful pilot programme

   THE WEX

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Level	Awarding body	Time commitment	Outcomes	Cost per student
0	WJEC BSC	0.5 day x 4 & 5 day placement 1 day	0.25 GSCE 0.25 GSCE	£150 £150
1	City & Guilds	1 day x 5 & 5 day placement	D-G GCSE	£150
2	City & Guilds	1 day x 5 & 5 day placement	Full GGSE (B)	£250
3	ASDAN	150hrs	70 UCAS points	£300

Prices negotiable depending on group (THE WEX size, timing and delivery model FACTOR)





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### VeryAn software

- Three pieces of software underpin our operations:
  - Veryan WorkPlace contacts and events management
  - Veryan Star business placement assessment, including H&S
  - Veryan WebView schools facing placement management



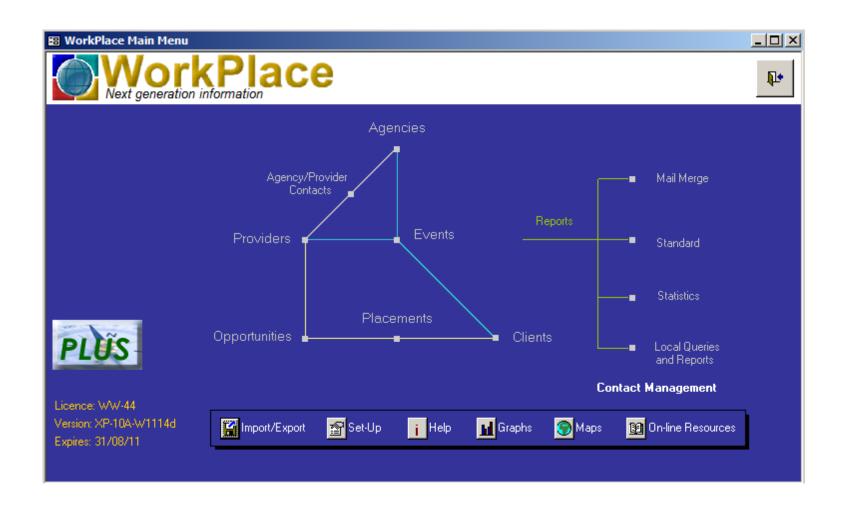


### Delivery model

- Schools' annual subscriptions to Hounslow EBP includes subscriptions to the VeryAn software platform
- Discount is achieved by purchasing through EBP











### WorkPlace

- Work related learning management.
- Includes contact management system for activities other than work experience.
- Capable of creating bulk or tailored E-mail shots from both the PLACEMENT and the EVENT modules.
- In the year ahead we will shift more toward ecommunications to reduce postage overhead.



### Star

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#### Star

- Star is a 'bolt on' module for Veryan WorkPlace.
- Allows Hounslow EBP to allocate a health and safety visit to our assessors and for the assessor to receive, manage and return the visit information electronically.
- The assessor uses a Notebook device to communicate wirelessly with the main database over an Internet link.
- When a touch screen device is used, signatures can also be captured.
- In 2012 Star will allow HEBP to save valuable hours of administration time.
- Star will deliver faster turnaround for schools on the visits Hounslow EBP makes to new employers.





Send Email to Hounslow WEX Team



VERYAN Utilities for Teachers | Help Student list (alphabetical) Noticeboard Placement Search Student list by Tutor Group Students with choices by tutor group Book students Student status report Latest Confirmations Students with insufficient selections Job availability list Most popular selections Latest additions Unbooked students Unlock a student's choices Allow Job Description printing Disallow Job Description printing Show contact details and address Hide contact details and address Visit Lists WEX Noticeboard



#### WebView



- Popular and effective system since Hounslow EBP first introduced it in c.2006.
- Hounslow EBP's system was one of the first generation to be supplied.
- Every version of WebView is bespoke to local needs.
- Whilst it is highly functional, VeryAn have subsequently developed systems with a more attractive 'look and feel'...









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#### Hounslow WebView 2.0

#### Initial thoughts....

- Screens that allow administrators to deliver, and students receive, information in clearer and more effective format – e.g. clearer colour coding/ icons for exploring opportunities.
- Better search functionality.
- A new CV writing module.
- Show how placements support students' career aims.

- More effective two way communications between employers, schools and colleges, students and parents and carers.
  - Long-term, anytime, any place access to WebView
- Full information on learner's personal journey through WebView.
- Capture and present students' and employers' employability skills evaluations.

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# Journey around the café

- 1. Join a hosted table, preferably where there are some unfamiliar faces.
- 2. Listen to the background briefing by your table host and then engage in conversation around the first round's question and your table theme. You have 10 minutes!
- 3. Upon completing the first, second and third rounds, your table host will stay put, whilst you 'travel' to your next table. Remember to carry key ideas, themes and questions into your new conversations.

# Café etiquette (Café etiquette)

- Focus on what matters
- Contribute your thinking
- Speak your heart and mind
- Listen to understand
- Link and connect ideas
- Listen together for insights and deeper questions
- Play, doodle, draw writing on table cloths is encouraged
- Have fun!



- Table 1 // How do we successfully rollout the Employability Hub?
- Table 2 // How do we improve the bespoke Work Experience & Internship offer?
- Table 3 // How do we integrate The WEX Factor in your school curriculum?
- Table 4 // What improvements to VeryAnn WebView would you like us to prioritise?



# Next steps

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