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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: The Gilbert School Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Events 2026/2027

Wednesday 13th January 2027

October 2026 - July 2027

W/C 8th and 15th March 2027

Thursday, 15th July 2027

Alternate Fridays 2026/27

Year 10 Mock Interview Day

Year 7-9 Modern Work Experience

Year 10 Traditional Work Experience

The Year 9 Apprentice Day

Future Friday Speakers

We are pleased to announce The Gilbert School's CEIAG provision for the 2026/27 academic year. This year, we were delighted to offer our students a wide range of career-related opportunities, including both traditional and modern Work Experience, Mock Interviews, and meaningful encounters with representatives from the world of work. We strongly believe that students should be exposed to a variety of progression pathways, including traditional academic routes as well as technical and vocational options.

We greatly appreciate the continued support from our existing CEIAG community and warmly welcome new organisations to help us continue providing these opportunities, as outlined above, and much more for our students.

In order to help us plan these events efficiently, Microsoft (MS) Forms have been created for all events. If you are interested in supporting any of the opportunities available and are able to commit to attend, please complete the relevant MS Form using the links below. Once we have received your MS Form response, we will assume that you have scheduled the event in your diary. We will communicate finer details with you during the academic year and in the lead-up to the events you have signed-up to. For the Personal Development Drop-Down Days, we will confirm your attendance via a follow-up email.

Year 10 Mock Interviews – Wednesday, 13th January 2027

We will be holding mock interviews for Year 10 students. This academic year, we welcomed approximately 40 employers as part of our interview team. We would be delighted if your organisation could join us for this event to further enrich the experience for our students. We can accommodate several representatives from your organisation as we aim to interview over 300 students on the day. We are delighted to continue to invite parents/carers to participate as part of the interview team. Interviewers will be required from 8.00am to 1.30pm. Breakfast, lunch and supplementary refreshments will be provided for our guests. Guests who choose to stay for lunch will also have the opportunity to network with fellow employers, education and training providers, and other attendees.

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The aim of the Mock Interview Day is to provide our students with an opportunity to practice and develop their interview skills, helping to prepare them for future interviews within further education, training or employment. Prior to the event, students will have prepared a personal statement for use with their future applications in order to support the process, and this will be made available for interviewers to read before the interview takes place. On the day, we would ask that interviewers conduct up to 15 interviews, each lasting 10 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of constructive feedback on their performance and interview technique. This valuable experience helps to build students' confidence and makes a significant contribution towards their personal development.

If you are able to attend, please click on the following link to complete the MS Form by Friday, 13th November 2026. This event is open to all higher/further education providers, training providers, employers and parents/carers. Please can we kindly request that a separate form is completed for each attendee so that we can accurately record dietary requirement/allergy information.

[Year 10 Mock Interviews 2027 – Fill out form](#)

Year 7 to 9 Modern Work Experience – October 2026 to July 2027

We are passionate about ensuring our young people experience the world of work from as early as Year 7. As part of this commitment, we have adopted a Modern Work Experience approach, providing every student with access to progressive, high-quality workplace experiences throughout their educational journey. This academic year, we have begun developing strong, sustainable partnerships across a range of sectors including Business, Games Design, Healthcare and the Zoological industry.

We are seeking employers who would be willing to host groups of Gilbertdians ranging from small cohorts to larger groups for one or more days. These experiences should offer students meaningful insight into the workplace, including opportunities to engage in authentic, work-related activities and tasks. Our ambition is for students in Years 7 to 9 to benefit from multiple workplace encounters throughout each academic year, enabling them to develop their understanding of different industries, build essential employability skills, and make informed decisions about their future pathways. Further information about Modern Work Experience can be found [here](#).

If you would be interested in partnering with us and co-designing an engaging and impactful experience for our students, please complete the following MS Form by Friday, 11th September 2026. We would be delighted to discuss opportunities further and explore how we can work together to inspire the next generation.

[The Gilbert School Modern Work Experience – Fill out form](#)

Year 10 Traditional Work Experience – W/C 8th and 15th March 2027

All Year 10 students will be completing work experience in March 2027. This is referred to as 'traditional work experience'. This will take place during the weeks beginning Monday 8th-12th March and Monday 15th-19th March. If your organisation could facilitate work experience for one or more students, we would be grateful if you can inform us by completing an MS Form by clicking on the following link by Friday, 9th October 2026. When the time arrives, we will be able to promote these opportunities to our students when they are actively seeking placements. Applicable to Employers and Parents/Carers.

[Year 10 Work Experience - March 2027 – Fill out form](#)

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The Year 9 Apprentice Day - Thursday, 15th July 2027

This is an exciting new experience designed to give students a real insight into the world of work. The event will be executed similar to BBC's 'The Apprentice' to align with the Modern Work Experience approach. A group of 20 -30 students will work directly with local employers, who will act as employers/project leaders while students take on the role of employees. Each employer will bring a genuine workplace project, challenge or task, together with any resources required, allowing students to experience the expectations, problem-solving, communication and teamwork required in a professional environment. Working in teams, students will complete work-related activities, develop their employability skills and present solutions, mirroring the processes and expectations of the workplace. The event will run from the start of the school day until lunchtime, providing a focused and engaging opportunity for young people to learn from industry professionals and explore potential career pathways. Where possible, the school will provide support with resources to help employers deliver a successful, impactful and meaningful experience for all involved.

If you are able to take part, please click on the following link to complete the MS Form by Monday, 2nd November 2026. Please note, we will contact you to confirm a booking date and provide you with further information in due course.

[The Year 9 Apprentice Day – Fill out form](#)

Future Friday Speakers – alternate Fridays throughout the 2026/2027 Academic Year

The Future Friday Speakers initiative was launched a few academic years ago and has become a highly valued part of our careers programme. The initiative involves employers delivering a 20-minute presentation to an audience of students, followed by questions and answers about their chosen career/industry. These sessions take place on alternate Fridays between 1.40pm to 2.30pm. A staggering number of students have been able to access one or more meaningful encounters with more than 20 professionals contributing each academic year. The range of presenters has provided our students with valuable insights into a wide variety of professions and will contribute to students' making informed decisions about their Post-16 pathways and future career choices.

We are keen to welcome both new and existing employers to be part of the next series of presentations, which will be starting in September 2026 and continue every other Friday throughout the academic year. If you are able to attend, please click on the following link to complete the MS Form by Friday, 4th September 2026. Please note, we will contact you to confirm a booking date based on your stated availability.

[CEIAG Future Friday Speaker Series 2026/27 – Fill out form](#)

We look forward to welcoming you into The Gilbert School in the next Academic Year and thank you in advance for your continued support. If you have any further questions, please email careers@gilberd.com.

Yours faithfully

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