

EIFA's online careers forum delights young and old

With online teaching at EIFA in its ninth week, the teaching team wanted to make the lessons livelier; whilst allowing pupils to project themselves into a professional future. This would also broaden their horizons beyond their current high school environment.

To do this, Ms. Faure, professor of history and geography, in collaboration with parents of the school, set up a somewhat special online job forum!

Rather than inviting several participants at the same time, she chose to invite them one by one, to cover online, specific themes related to the program and the skills worked on by our pupils. Each of them was able to bring their expertise from a wide range of industries, present their career path and their current profession, as well as answer the pupils' questions.

The school has had the pleasure of welcoming the following people to date:

Mr Faure, 'Director of Partnerships and Operations' at Social Business Trust

Mr. Faure presented the world of "charities" and volunteering in the United Kingdom to Y8 pupils. Humanitarian engagement and civic responsibility are part of the moral and civic education program. Mr. Faure explained how he worked in partnership with large companies, to help them develop charitable organisations with social impact.

Mrs Bleach, 'Operations Director' at L'Oréal UK & Ireland

Ms. Bleach addressed the difficulties that women in a large business, can face in establishing themselves in a world dominated by men. She went on at length on the qualities inherent to her role: the ability to work in a team, flexibility and resilience. The pupils were impressed by his journey.

Mr. Karkaria, Migration Officer at the Canadian Immigration Service in London

Mr. Karkaria explained the intricacies of his mission of granting or refusing visas for entrance to the country. Y9 and Y10 pupils actively participated in this meeting, especially since transnational migrations are one of the subjects they study in geography.

Ms Ansom, Liaison Magistrate at the French Embassy in London

Ms Ansom spoke of her work as a liaison magistrate at the French Embassy in London. She shared her passion for her job, a vocation that she had very young. Ms. Ansom explained the main principles of justice and the role of judges. Responding to pupils' questions, she explained how juvenile justice works, and recalled the importance of impartiality and the importance of the law.

Mr. Fasanotti, Finance Director at CHANEL UK & Region .

Mr. Fasanotti presented CHANEL - the first fashion house headed by a woman - and explained the role and qualities essential to the profession of financial director: honesty and an appetite for figures.

Several parents attended these sessions and, witnessing the enthusiasm and motivation of their children, volunteered to present their own careers and professional journey.

The school will soon welcome Mr. Chesneau, Business Executive Officer at Nespresso, around the theme of advertising; Ms. Szombat, child psychiatrist; Mr. Culpin, Officer in the United Nations Peacekeeping Department in Afghanistan and Mr. Jacheet, Corporate Developer, who supports pharmaceutical companies in their transition to bio-control.

As part of the press week, EIFA will also host Ms. Delesalle Stolper, journalist for 'Libération'; Mr. Blaise, editor-in-chief of the youth magazine 'Okapi' and Mr. Ismailov, journalist at BBC-Russian Services.

This first series of exchanges between pupils and representatives of the professional world was met with great success. Middle and high school students participated actively, asking very pertinent questions, demonstrating both great maturity and a desire to better understand the possibilities offered by the professional world.

EIFA warmly thanks those parents who have taken and will take their time to share their experience and career with our pupils.

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