

Mentoring Day at KPMG

East End students given a taste of working life



Gifted THC students were given the opportunity to spend a morning at the accountancy firm KPMG in Canary Wharf recently as part of an innovative partnership between the College and Cambridge University. As part of the partnership with Clare College, Cambridge, the students were among those invited to KPMG to learn more about interview technique and to receive advice from mentors already working at firms including KPMG, Morgan

Stanley and Clifford Chance.

The students were treated to a presentation on how to enhance their employability and improve their CV before having the opportunity to ask questions on working life and try their hand at answering typical interview questions. They later turned the tables on their mentors by giving them a mock grilling and hearing how tricky questions should be answered.

Adam Lechocki, 17, is studying Politics, Psychology, Law and Sociology and he felt the event would stand him in good stead for the future.

“Although you are already aware of some of the things you are going over, it is important to get more practise. I would like to work in either Law or Politics one day so to talk to people already working in those industries and ask advice is really useful. The fact we were able to compare our answers with those of the mentors meant we could learn from our mistakes quite quickly.”

The mentoring morning was the second in a series of events organised by Clare College aimed at helping and improving the skills of A-Level students in East London. The next event will be held at Clare College in April and will focus on university applications while another event is planned for September.