

Yr 9

Talk by Vivienne from Job Centre Plus (Works and Pensions Dept)

5th March 2024

Re “ Cost of Living “



This morning, we had a visit from Vivienne who works for Job Centre Plus (JCP) which is part of the Government Works and Pension Department.

She spoke to our current Yr 9 students on the topic of “Cost of Living “This is in line with Hailey Halls's Commitment to supporting our students about thinking when they leave Hailey Hall school and start to think about their work and career pathways and what it costs to live on their own under the current economic climate.

(Gatsby Benchmark 5 -meeting with employers and employees)

The students were given pen and paper, and asked to write down what they thought were the right answers to a series of questions as follows, Monthly costs of Rent, Mortgages, Household insurance, Council tax, Gas and electric costs, Water rates, Monthly food bills, TV licenses, Broadband/ internet, car maintenance, Pet insurance, Mobile Phones, Clothing, Takeaways, leisure activities.

Every student's home background was not discussed but asked what they thought generally the answers if they lived in a 2-bedroom flat in Hoddesdon.

In the end, Viv showed them a PowerPoint with the answers which surprised some of them on how expensive it was to live in Hoddesdon and pay everyday bills.

It showed to pay all the bills you need to earn a minimum of £2900. Minimum wages were discussed for different age groups which again surprised how low it was.

All students engaged with the lesson and asked relevant questions.

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