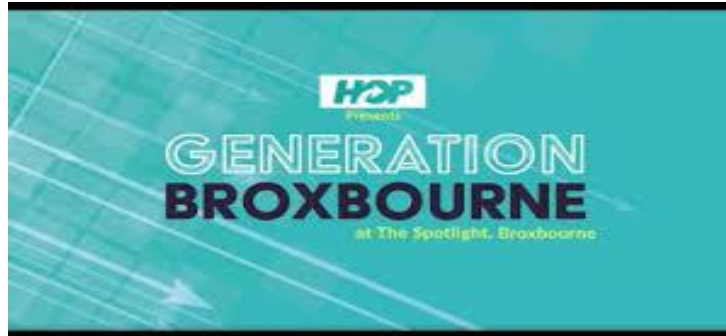


**Year 10 visit to**  
**The Spotlight, Hoddesdon**  
**Re “Generation Broxbourne “**

**17th March 2026**

**Gatsby Benchmark – 5 “Encounters with Employers and Employees “**



Year 10 students were taken by school transport to The Spotlight in Hoddesdon to attend this year’s “Generation Broxbourne” event, organised by the Careers and Enterprise Company. This careers fair brought together a wide range of local and national organisations, all focused on supporting young people with guidance on pathways into different careers.

Students were able to explore the venue in a calm and structured environment. A quieter time slot was arranged, with only two other small groups recognising that some students may find busy and noisy settings overwhelming. This thoughtful arrangement enabled all students to engage more comfortably and confidently with exhibitors.

A diverse range of sectors were represented, including education (local colleges and universities), construction, finance (banking and mortgage services), childcare, information technology, uniformed services such as the police and fire service, as well as organisations including Hertfordshire Zoo, Serco, and Elstree Studios. This variety gave students valuable insight into different industries, allowing them to ask questions and begin thinking about their future career options.

Overall, students were engaged, inquisitive, and benefited greatly from the opportunity to interact directly with employers and education providers in a supportive setting. Exhibitors also provided positive feedback regarding the students’ behaviour and engagement throughout the event.

Thank you to Jack O’Sullivan and Tom Clarke for supporting this visit.



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