

Year 8's visit to
Hertford Fire Station, Hertford

9th June 2026

GB 5- Encounters with employers and employees

GB6 – Experience of workplaces

Year 8 Visit Hertford Fire Station – Exploring Careers in the Fire and Rescue Service

As part of Hailey Hall School's ongoing commitment to supporting students in exploring future education and career pathways, Year 8 students visited Hertford Fire Station on Tuesday, 9th June 2026. Travelling by school taxi and minibus, students were warmly welcomed by Blue Watch Commander Helen and her team for an engaging and informative careers-focused visit.

The session began with an introduction to the wide range of roles and responsibilities within the Fire and Rescue Service, as well as the various career pathways available within the organisation. Students were given a guided tour of a modern fire appliance and a command vehicle and had the opportunity to explore the specialist equipment used in day-to-day fire and rescue operations.

Members of the team shared their personal journeys into the service, explaining the qualifications, training requirements, and progression opportunities available to those pursuing a career within the Fire and Rescue Service. Firefighter Louis, who had recently graduated from training school and was spending his first day with his new crew, spoke about his own pathway from school to college and through firefighter training. He provided students with a valuable first-hand insight into the dedication and commitment required to succeed in the profession.

The diverse nature of the Fire and Rescue Service was also discussed, highlighting the broad range of opportunities available and reinforcing the message that careers within the service are open to people of all genders and backgrounds.

Throughout the visit, students demonstrated excellent engagement and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions about the role of firefighters, emergency response procedures, training requirements, and career opportunities. The team provided informative and encouraging answers, helping students gain a greater understanding of the skills, teamwork, resilience, and professionalism required within this important public service.

The visit provided a valuable encounter with employers and employees, supporting students in broadening their awareness of potential future careers while developing their understanding of the pathways available to achieve their goals. The experience strongly supported Gatsby Benchmark 5 – Encounters with Employers and Employees, by giving students direct access to professionals working within an essential public service sector.



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