



Could you be the Next Top Boss?

You're hired! Students got the chance to sign up for an exciting challenge competition based on TV show The Apprentice when the Next Top Boss Roadshow visited Havering Sixth Form College on May 4th.

The Next Top Boss initiative is a competition running through Thurrock, Essex and parts of East London, designed to give young people between the ages of 17 and 19 access to work experience, training and mentoring – leading to a high-flying career.

Around 60 students from College signed up on the day, including Eileen Atieno and Arjun Wara (pictured) and more are expected to join by sending in registration forms.

Jill Henderson, co-ordinator of Next Top Boss, which is being administered by Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation in conjunction with a number of local and national companies, said: "We had a fantastic response from Havering Sixth Form College students. We hadn't even had a chance to get set up before we had people asking us what it was all about.

"They were lovely students, really enthusiastic and I'm sure some of them will do really well in the competition."

Based on challenges similar to TV show The Apprentice, the Next Top Boss Brand Academy days start on May 17th and finish at the end of August. Each student is part of a team of between 6 and 10 young people who will compete in four tasks, making contacts and getting to know what work is all about as they go. Points are awarded for success and eventually a winning team and a winning individual – the Next Top Boss - will be found.

It's an ideal opportunity for students with real business potential to discover a career they'd never thought of before and prizes include work experience, internships and career training at some of the world's biggest companies. Next Top Boss also has £10,000 in Lakeside vouchers and £9,000 in Best Buy vouchers as prizes.

The challenges require get-up-and-go, enthusiasm and a real interest in business. The initiative is searching for problem solvers, ideas people and team players.

Anyone interested can find out more by visiting the website www.nexttopboss.co.uk