



CIPFA 6th FORM MANAGEMENT TEAM GAMES

CIPFA will once again be holding their popular 6th form management team games across the Midlands in June and July 2011.

We have booked the following 6 venues for the games to take place on 3 days from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., provided there is sufficient interest and support – please encourage your neighbouring sixth forms to take part as well:

22 June	De Montfort University, Leicester
22 June	Staffordshire University, Stoke
29 June	Nottingham Trent University
29 June	University of Wolverhampton
13 July	University of Worcester
13 July	Tally Ho Police Training Centre, Edgbaston, Birmingham

The games are valued by 6th form students and teaching staff alike and many of their comments from previous games can be found on the dedicated web page http://www.cipfa.org.uk/regions/mid/management_team.cfm.

“Thank you for putting together such an excellent challenge; the students have been talking about it to other sixth formers today in school – a clear sign of how much they enjoyed it. One wanted to know when it’s on again and one student who wasn’t able to attend said he was “gutted” to have missed it! We’d really love to be able to take part again next year; I hope you can find a slot for us.”

The objectives of the game are:

- To allow players to gain an insight into the issues facing public sector organisations, particularly those of a financial nature
- To demonstrate the challenges of managing under time pressure with uncertain outcomes
- To develop team and individual skills
- To be fun to play; and
- for CIPFA, an opportunity to introduce 6th form students to public sector accountancy and our own institute



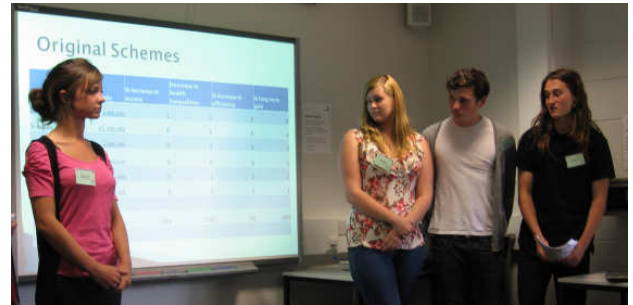


Students on Business Studies courses may particularly benefit from being involved, but the event is open to any students studying in (or about to be in) Years 12 or 13. Teams will be supported and encouraged throughout the day by CIPFA students and members who have volunteered their time to assist with the game.

The game involves certain aspects of running a fictitious public body, with each school providing a 7 member “management team” for the organisation involved. The management game is organised on a case study basis, allowing team members to participate as much as possible, as they each take up a specific role within the management team. The game is usually divided into 2 rounds, with the team producing a major piece of work in each round, either in the form of a written report or an oral presentation. As in real life, work on this will be interrupted by a number of tasks and the team will need to agree the best way to deal with the interruptions.



The game tests presentational, organisation and communication skills as well as providing a small element of financial awareness, but the assessors will mark performance by the way the team handles problems, the relevance of answers, the approach taken to the tasks in hand and the quality and content of written and oral reports.



The day is an excellent introduction to the world of work and a way of developing and strengthening teamwork, leadership, management and organisational skills.

Prizes and certificates will be provided by CIPFA, together with materials, equipment and stationery and a buffet lunch – there is no charge for schools, but they will be responsible for the team’s travel

arrangements to and from the event, as well as taking on board any requirement for health and safety assessments.



To sign up for the game or for more information please contact the lead volunteer for the games chris.gill@tesco.net

We are looking for 6 teams at each venue and schools who respond should hear back within a few days as to whether they have a place in the game or not. Please note that this year each school will only be able to send one team to the games.



The schools taking part will be sent briefing notes and guidance about the logistics of the event two weeks before the game. The 7 team members will need to be finalised a week before the game so that name badges and certificates can be produced, although clearly substitutes will be allowed due to illness etc.

It is important that members of the team see, consider and understand the briefing material or they may be at a disadvantage against the other teams.

CIPFA (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) is one of the leading professional accountancy bodies in the UK and the only one that specialises in the public sector. CIPFA's members work, often at the most senior levels, in public service bodies, in the national audit agencies and major accountancy firms.

A number of our volunteers may have undergone CRB checks for other organisations, but they will not have been checked for this activity, as we do not envisage them having a need to be on their own with 6th form students.



We look forward to seeing your 6th form at one of the games.

Chris Gill
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