



Portsmouth & South East Hampshire Education Business Partnership Ltd.

## Summer Term

Helping to bring education and business together

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Cath Longhurst  
Chief Executive



Work Experience Online

“**Warblington School** began using WEX online for the first time this year. As a School we felt that it would offer our students a more user friendly way of choosing their work experience placement, as well as giving parents an opportunity to sit down with their child to view and discuss the places available.

Here at the **EBP**, we are delighted to have won the contract to provide work experience to all schools through the Wex On Line system from next September. Our team of dedicated and enthusiastic staff have been gearing up over the past 2 years, to increase the numbers of placements, available and have been piloting the Wex On Line system with 7 local schools.

The clear and concise menus gave Warblington students the opportunity to search for job in a variety of different ways, as well as a mini questionnaire system which is designed to help students who are not quite sure what kind of placement they are interested in.

Here's what one of our pilot schools, Warblington, has to say about their experience of using the system.

The job descriptions are detailed and explain the hours of work and even have a link to the employers' web site and a map of their location.

A messaging system is in place so that students can contact their teacher or the WEX online teams with any queries or questions.

Once the student has chosen four placements it is then for the School to approve the placements. Offline placements are also added by the School.

From an administrative point of view, I have to say that I was initially concerned with how much time would be spent approving placements and replying to messages. At Warblington we used a strict policy of not approving any placements until the student had made all four choices. As for messages we encouraged the students to use the messaging system and as long as they are checked everyday they are very easy to manage and an excellent way of keeping in touch with the students.

The report system makes life much easier with multiple options available all which I have to say has made my life much easier.

Once students have a placement approved all they need to do is to collect their paperwork which is printed by the School and arrange their interview. All paperwork is signed by the parent, student and employer and collected by the School.



The general opinion from Warblington students is that they have found the system easy and straightforward to use. They like the messaging system which alerts them when their placement is successful and many students agreed that they preferred the option of being able to choose placements at home with their parents.

Our students head out for what I am sure will be successful work experience on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. I am more than happy for any School that will be using the system next year to contact me for any further information”.

**Mandy Bensley –  
Careers Coordinator,  
Warblington School**



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The **Royal Marine's Museum** in Southsea played host to EBP's annual literacy event on the 26th March where year 8 boys from the Portsmouth schools became secret agents for the day, halting a vengeful Russian terrorist in his tracks and foiling his dastardly plan to blow up the museum.

The aim of the event was to excite and enthuse Key Stage 3 students about reading and writing and help them appreciate different uses of the written word including the use of persuasive language.

Feedback from the schools suggests that a great day was had by all and two students from **St Luke's School**, **Jack Plumpton** and **Joe Smith** were so inspired, they wrote an account of the day without being asked! - see next page...

## Spy School Success



Literacy Event

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## Secret Agent Day

By  
Jack Plumpton and Joe Smith

**0900** – All schools entered the building

**0945** – The Drill – We all got called up onto the field to make a line and then we had to do a small march. Then we had to learn how to salute.

**1000** – Game of Tap Murder – The use of this game was to teach us stealth which is when you are quiet and the person has to tap you on the shoulder and you will be dead. You have to use all your senses to find out where they are.

**1030** – Trying to find the medal – It took awhile to find one particular medal out of **2500**. It took Miltoncross School 10 minutes to find the medal.

**1045** - Find out who the spy was – The spy was Kevin James. He was not the terrorist, he had been offered money to betray us but he said no.

**1130** - Victor was the Russian terrorist – Victor was the Russian terrorist. He wanted to kill the Royal Marine's because they killed his father and they particularly wanted to kill Kevin James.

**1200** – Victor was in prison – Victor killed his prison mate by shaping his toothbrush into a knife and stabbing him through the heart so he can escape.

**1300**: Reconnoitre in the garden – We went out into the garden to check out the area. We looked at the different type of guns and ships.

**1330** – We were trying to find out what time the bomb is going to go off. - Joe was looking for the time and saw a piece of paper. He looks to see what it says. The bomb will go off at 14.30, he runs back to the group to tell them.

**1340** - Locate the Bomb – We had to select one person to locate the bomb, it was a tense moment. We were putting ourselves in danger. We found it in the boy's toilet and everyone came out safe and sound.

**14:00** - Arresting the criminal – All the schools had to select one person from personnel and logistics. We selected Joe from personnel and Bartek from logistics. We had a net to throw over the terrorist, he started to struggle but after 10 minutes we captured him.



## Really Helpful IT Company Gets a Little Help from Students



This year it was a fast growing IT company that were given a 'website makeover' by teams of students from local schools. Even though the **The Really Helpful IT Company** design websites for their own customers, they wanted an outsider's perspective on how best to present their work to potential customers.

The winners of this year's Schools Website Challenge, were **Cams Hill School**, who designed a new website for The Really Helpful IT Company. **Mark Hummerstone**, Managing Director of TRHITC said

*'we are delighted by the work put in by all the students. The winning entry was extremely professional and really captured the wide range of services we offer to companies, particularly our consultancy services'*.

The Challenge was organised by the EBP together with computer giant IBM, who provided professional support to all 9 schools who entered the challenge. It was designed to help students learn more about the world of work and develop some of the skills that they are likely to need in the workplace. **The Spinnaker Tower and the Really Helpful IT Company** sponsored the Challenge and were the customers for the student teams.

This is a real opportunity for students to develop the skills that companies are crying out for, in particular problem solving, team working, IT and project management skills. The standard of work by all the students was really high and their presentations were extremely professional', said Cath Longhurst, Chief Executive of the Education Business Partnership.

Companies interested in becoming future customers for next year's challenge, or who may be interested in working with schools in other ways can contact the EBP on enquiries@portsmouthebp.co.uk

Other schools that took part in the challenge were, **Oaklands Catholic School**, **Horndean Technology College**, **King Richard School**, **St Luke's CE School** and **Springfield Technology College**.

## Congratulations to Cams Hill School Winners of the Website Challenge 2008

# The Hampshire Enterprise Board Game



The Enterprise Board Game introduces the idea of business enterprise to young people in an enjoyable and surprisingly realistic way. It captures the excitement of starting up, then developing an enterprise and, in so doing, demonstrates the problems, disappointments, opportunities and occasional good fortune that entrepreneurs meet in real life. The game's appeal is that it can be played at many levels. Its most obvious benefit is its ability to actively involve students

in how business works. The 'Enterprise Game' also offers experience in such skills as decision-making, risk-taking and problem solving. Playing the game gives students familiarity with the 'vocabulary' of enterprise, a helpful acquisition given that learning about Enterprise has become a statutory requirement at Key Stage 4 since September 04.

Hampshire Enterprise Board Games from EBP they are required to undertake a 2 hour training/familiarisation workshop to learn the basics of the game and how best to use it in schools.

Training can be organised according to the needs of the school

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Before a school can borrow the

**A joint initiative between**

Education Business Partnership

**A Place in Europe**

'A Place in Europe Challenge' was created with the idea of running an initiative activity for Year 9 students, which would encourage them to choose languages as a KS4 option.



**The winners of the challenge, Smoov Move (Horndean Technology College)**

The Challenge objective was for students to create a company and develop a relocation plan for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children) relocating to a country of their choice within Europe which speaks either French, German or Spanish.

The Challenge launched with 40 teams from 13 schools. Along with help and guidance from Business Mentors from companies such as **Fortis Bank, Opal Recruitment, PETA and TopMarks Overseas Property**. Students had to establish a company name, logo and identify how that reflected their business.

During the presentation they had to provide evidence to the judges that they had used their language choice to make a telephone call and to write a letter/email. Part of the presentation would have to be given in their foreign language and they were asked questions by the judges and would have to reply in their chosen language.

The final was held at the **Holiday Inn**, Southsea on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The final saw the 3 team's battle together to win the prize of a trip to historic Belgium. **Horndean Technology College** were the winners of 'A Place in Europe Challenge'.



**Euomove (Mayfield School)**



**Great Emigrations (Miltoncross School)**



## All the fun of the fair.... The Science Fair!

On 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March, **EBP** welcomed over 1400 Year 6 pupils from schools around the area, for what was an exciting and diverse experience of real science in action.

Local organisations and companies presented a variety of activities that pupils were able to have hands-on experience of the diversity that science can offer, both in the industry and in every day life. All the companies were happy to help by giving up their time and resources voluntarily to make the science fair a success.

Pupils also experienced an exciting session in Action Stations, where they had

a chance to fly a helicopter simulator and climb a state-of-the-art rotating wall, navigate a ship as well as taking part in many more exciting tasks.

The Science Fair was run by EBP and **sponsored by Portsmouth Water, The Royal Society of Chemistry and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.**

Thank you to all the companies who gave up their time to attend the fair.



← SEE PHOTO'S ON LEFT

### Construction & the Built Environment Skills Festival

On 13<sup>th</sup> February over 1,000 young people attended the Construction and the Built Environment Skills Festival at Southampton's Rose Bowl. The aim of the day was for young people to learn about the wide variety of career opportunities the sector has to offer. The event also aimed to change perceptions about building and construction by highlighting the wide array of rewarding career paths in the sector.

Around 40 businesses and learning organisations were exhibiting at the Rose Bowl, bringing together all areas of the industry from architecture and civil engineering to vocational skills such as carpentry and brick laying. **EBP** invited schools in Portsmouth, Havant, and Fareham to attend the fair which is funded by the **South East England Development Agency (SEEDA).**



Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March saw the **PUSH AHEAD** Challenge Area Final at The **Holiday Inn, Portsmouth.**

This new Young Entrepreneurs Innovation Challenge was launched in October 2007 for year 9 and year 10 students to develop a new and innovative business product, idea or service to reflect environmental and sustainability issues. Schools from across Portsmouth & South East Hampshire and the Southampton area were invited to enter.

The three winning teams from the Portsmouth & South East Hampshire area went through to the Grand Final on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at the University of Portsmouth. The teams who competed for the **PUSH AHEAD** Challenge Cup and £500 prize money were 'Bionic Horses', 'The Recyclables' and 'N.I.F.E', all teams were from **Bay House School** in Gosport.

We send our congratulations to all the teams, well done!

Our thanks also go to the Judges:

**David Bream - 'Set Squared', Southampton University**  
**Natalie Long - Portsmouth University**  
**Andrea Pickering – Southampton City Council**

## Neville Lovett VT Halmatic Visit

students getting hands on with resin and glass fibre to create a rigid material



On 13th March, a group of 16 Sports Science Students from **Neville Lovett Community School** visited **VT Halmatic** in Portchester.

The curriculum for Sports Science includes modules covering the properties of certain materials which recommend them to be used for specific jobs, for example, the properties which might make one material more suitable for use in a specific type of sporting equipment than another. Composites are specifically mentioned - which made **VT Halmatic**, who are at the cutting edge of composite technology a first rate choice for a visit. The students all thoroughly enjoyed the day thanks to the expertise of staff at VT and the engaging manner of our host for the day, **Ed Findon - Senior Composite Engineer**.



A quote from a very satisfied customer

.....it was amazing....I didn't think it would be that much fun...



## Celebrity Chef Challenge

Students in years 9 & 10 got the chance to take part in a high profile cookery competition which culminated in an on-stage cook-off between two teams. This took place at the final of the Celebrity Chef Challenge on Friday 27 June at Gunwharf Quays.

The teams in the final had already competed in heats held at Highbury College's fabulous new facilities in Portsmouth town centre.

18 Teams from 11 schools took part in the heats which were held on 18th & 19th June. Crofton Admiral Lord Nelson Crookhorn, King Richard, Hordean, St. Edmund's Brookfield, Brune Park, Cams Hill, Henry Cort and Neville Lovett.

We would like to thank the following people who kindly agreed to judge the final:

**Rob Rees, The Cotswold Chef, Martin Tarbuck, Highbury College,**

**Diane Johnson - Coriander Food, Tim Brock - Hampshire Fare, Carol Godsmark - The News.**

The teams were judged on their maximum use of local and seasonal produce and where they sourced their ingredients. The winning school was **Crookhorn Technology College**. Congratulations to Crookhorn TC and indeed all the schools that took part.



All the space you need

## CAD/CAM CHALLENGE FINAL



The final of the EBP Mars Rover Challenge took place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at the **Royal Marines Museum**.

The **Education Business Partnership** in conjunction with Paul Bush and **EADS Astrium** created this space-themed challenge for local Portsmouth & S E Hampshire Secondary Schools to compete in. It was our 4<sup>th</sup> CAD-CAM Challenge and commemorated 50 years of space travel.

The Challenge was for students to design and build a vehicle that could negotiate a hostile terrain. The vehicle had to operate independently, collect a sample of material weighing at least 1.00gram and record the temperature of the liquid located in a vat then return to 'base'.

Students also had to present a storyboard explaining the types of challenges they had encountered during their project.

Thanks to our judges:

**Bernard Mosely from Offworld Systems, West Yorkshire, Graham Dew and Sean Fosberry from EADS Astrium Design Office and Dr David Lorater Ndzi, BSc(Hons), PhD Senior Lecturer & Faculty of Technology International Co-ordinator, University of Portsmouth.** The winning team was **Crofton School** who received the **Cadcam Challenge Trophy Cup** and a visit to the new exciting **Planetarium at INTECH, Winchester**.

Runners up were **Henry Cort Community College** for their KS4 entry

## Whose new at EBP?

**Tanya** and **Louise** have been employed to work on the WEX Online team. They are the two new Sales Professionals working with Debbie and Jo. The Sales Professional team contact employers by phone to secure work placements for students and to enter data onto data management system.

**Emma Gotz** has come to work at EBP on 'Plan-it'. Plan-it is an online system available for use with young people in Yr 9, 10 & 11. to find out more about Plan-it, contact: [emma@portsmouthebp.co.uk](mailto:emma@portsmouthebp.co.uk)

**plan-it**   
Don't leave your life to chance

## What's new at EBP?

**Vicki Sillince got Married on 23 May the staff at EBP wish Vicki & Bob best wishes for their future happiness!**

**Mrs Vicki Church**



## Thank you!

**Dawn Baxendale** has taken up the role of Chairperson for the EBP's Board of Directors. **Colin Channon** has agreed to be Vice-Chair. **Cath Longhurst**, CEO for EBP and the team wish to extend their thanks to both Dawn and Colin.

## Shaping the Future Workforce EBP Summer Conference

Thank you to everybody who attended EBP's conference run in association with the CIPD and the Portsmouth and Havant 14-19 Consortia, on 25 June - the feedback we received has been **overwhelmingly positive** and in response will build up to support local employers in their understanding of the 14-19 Diplomas and how they can get involved. We were delighted to welcome our first Keynote Speaker, **Declan Swan, Chief Executive of the National Education Business Partnership**. Declan reported on the role of EBP's and highlighted the importance of raising the awareness of Diplomas and the recruitment of businesses to support them. Supporting Sir Alan Jones and his Network of Champions and developing the EBP network to respond to the challenges of Diplomas, was our next speaker, **Tony Cohen, Managing**

### Director of Nsure Ltd.

Tony is a member of the National Diploma Ambassadors Team. His Speech focused on the employers perspective, covering the aim of the Diploma Employer Champions Network and how it encourages more employers to become involved. **Sylvia Brunner, Havant's 14-19 Consortium Manager** spoke and gave details of what's happening locally and gave a more nitty gritty breakdown of the Diplomas.

EBP would like to thank all speakers who kindly gave their time and expertise.

**Heather Deeley - Spinnaker Tower, Kevin Wright - EADS Astrium and Françoise Murat** a local business women who runs an **Architectural Interior Design and Garden Landscape Practice**, for giving their view on why they've become involved and their outlook from a business prospective.

We mustn't forget the team from **Crofton School** who won the CAD/CAM Challenge who demonstrated their winning presentation and took questions from our Compere, **Chris Carnegy**

## Merci, Grazie, Danke, Gracis, Thank

A big **EBP** thank you to all of the mentors, mentees and school coordinators who participated in the programme this year. Mentoring is a valuable support tool for young people, and relies on the goodwill of volunteers and often their employers to sustain the programme. One of the most prolific mentors is **Stewart Legg, of South West Trains**. Stewart has been mentoring for a number of years at **Springfield School**, building an excellent working relationship with the staff. In his own words he 'very much enjoys the work' mentoring up to 12 pupils whom he sees from Year 9 through to Year 11. Stewart says 'Two lads have been with me for nearly 3 years and to reach the end of Y11 with all the group intact represents a big high for me...'

**Assistant Head Teacher John Lomas** described his contribution to the school. *'Stewart is one of our most experienced mentors and is highly valued by the school. He works with a number of boys who need support and bring with them a lot of emotional 'baggage' into the school. Stewart helps to address this in a way that is highly effective. We communicate verbally or electronically several times a week with the needs of the pupils being foremost in our minds.'*

Not only does Stewart get involved in other school events such as rugby coaching, but he also involves them in his work and as a result South West Trains have taken a number of Springfield pupils on work experience. The picture below of Stewart with some of his mentees actually features on the current South West Trains calendar!



Details of  
Forthcoming Events

Please see  
additional page  
Included with the  
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