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We have moved! New location. New look. New ideas.

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A very Happy New Year to you all. As we head into 2009 we know that there are some real challenges ahead. With the introduction of the new Diplomas in our area in Sept 09, increasing numbers of students taking up Young Apprenticeships, and the ever increasing emphasis on 'employability skills' for young people, we are finding the demand for our work is increasing daily. At the same time, there are huge pressures on business in the current economic climate and it is even harder for some businesses to find time to engage with education, yet it is more important than ever.

Here at the EBP we are trying to find imaginative and interesting ways to encourage more local businesses to offer interesting work placements and other work related learning opportunities to our young people. Some of you may have spotted bright looking teapots or watering cans on the back of local buses. You also won't have failed to notice our new look – all part of the same campaign. For more information about ways we can support your school, or work with your business, have a look at our new look website on www.portsmouthebp.co.uk and a closer look through our newsletter. There has been some really exciting

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opportunity for students to find out more about the hotel industry through our work with the Greater Portsmouth Hoteliers Association.



Possibly one of the most exciting events for our team has been the move to new offices at 1000 Lakeside (next to IBM).

The move gives us more opportunity to work alongside local business in what is a really high quality business venue, better facilities for visitors, and greater access to the whole of our area of Portsmouth and South East Hampshire.

Construction Challenge

The challenge was for Year 7 students to design and construct their vision of the Entrance to the new Portsmouth Football Club Stadium. Roles included architecture, quantity surveying and structural engineering. Records of planning and expenditure and design sketches for planning approval had to be submitted before they could begin building.

A special thanks to **Caroline Ruler, Package Manager** and **Mike O'Connor Project Commercial Director** from **Carillion** who worked with EBP to make this a success. We would also like to thank **Lucius Peart, Portsmouth Football Club Brand Director** and **Chris Hayler, Brand and Marketing Executive** who led the judging panel with Carillion. St Edmund's Catholic School were the winning team.



Diploma Roadshow Stops off at Portsmouth



On Tuesday 14th October, the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth was lucky enough to be one of the first venues in the south to host the DSCF 14-19 Diploma Roadshow.

Young people from Years 9 and 11 came from schools across Portsmouth to find out what these exciting new qualifications are all about. During the 40 minute sessions they sat in an 'igloo' to watch a Diploma DVD; used interactive audio-visual equipment to learn about what makes the Diploma so different; completed a quiz; and talked to experts. Finally the pupils picked up information about the six lines of learning that are on offer in Portsmouth from September 2009.

Feedback from both the students and teachers was very positive and showed that this was an effective and fun way to spread the word about Diplomas.

CAD/CAM CHALLENGE 2009

To celebrate the dynamic new era of naval shipbuilding in Portsmouth and the recent signing of the contracts for the new super aircraft carriers HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince Charles, BVT and EBP have issued the following challenge:

'A striking artefact sculpture will be erected in the new training centre and depict the trades and professions involved in the building of the new ships. Students of local schools were invited to submit their designs for the sculpture which, ultimately, will be manufactured, full size, within the training centre'.

The CAD CAM Challenge is open to all KS3 and KS4 schools in Portsmouth & South East Hampshire. The Teacher Launch was held on November 17th and the Grand Final will take place on the 31st March 2009.



KS3 Science and Engineering Challenge - at HMS Sultan Wednesday 24th September 2008

165 Year 9 pupils attended an exciting Science & Engineering Day at HMS Sultan on Wednesday 24th September. Students undertook many challenges, including 'The Aerofoil Challenge', the aim being to

experience gravity and lift. Using just a hairdryer, a straw and paper they created a 'wing' and lifted it using the hot air. They then balanced as many paperclips as they could on top of the 'wing'. The winning team with 35 paperclips was **Park Community School**. A student from Park School also won the Quiz Challenge.

An 'Air Buggy Challenge' was also undertaken with the aim to build an air-powered car and pump-it up to travel the furthest distance. The winning team with a distance of 17m was **Neville Lovett School**.



E-Mentoring Partnership Launch

IBM and Cowplain Community School teamed up in September and launched their e-mentoring partnership. Year 10 pupils studying business courses will receive on-line communication and support from the business experts at IBM UK Headquarters, Northharbour. In September the mentors and mentees met up for the first time at IBM where they got to know each other over drinks and muffins.

The pupils were impressed by the surroundings, and were able to quiz their mentors on their roles within the company. Ian Mills, who co-ordinates the programme for IBM, was extremely pleased that more than 30 volunteers came forward to participate in the scheme. The mentoring will take place on a weekly basis via IBM's Mentor Place system, with the possibility of further meetings.

City Boys Construction Visits

The City of Portsmouth Boys School ran an exciting 3-day Construction event in July 2008. 'Building Schools for the future' was targeted at Years 7 & 8 and aimed to encourage young people to enter the construction industry at a higher management level. It was a joint project working with the Hampshire Economic Partnership (HEP).

Our role was to organise visits for the boys to experience a 'live' working site and learn about Health & Safety aspects and the job roles and responsibilities of those involved in the works.

Mountbatten Centre

Contractors Keir Southern agreed to allow the young people to go along to the exciting, forthcoming new Mountbatten Sports Centre. Trevor White of Kier Southern talked to the young people about how the project was developed and is progressing.

M275 Interchange Bridge Repairs

Liaising with **Osborne Contractors** and **Portsmouth City Council**, we set-up visits to the Site Compound of the Tipner Interchange bridges. **David Poole** of Osborne explained the main aim of the project, which was to repair the supporting piers of the two Tipner Interchange bridges, and why they needed to be repaired. Students were given their PPE and received a tour of the site.



Step into...Science & Healthcare

The event was held in November 2008 for Year 10 and 11 students at St James's Hospital in Portsmouth. We worked with NHS Careers to arrange this one-day taster visit to promote careers, training and progression within the Healthcare sector. The event provided a hands-on opportunity to 'meet the professional' and find out first hand about careers.



A Place in Europe Challenge

This challenge is for students to develop a relocation plan for a family of four, moving to a country of their choice where the people speak French, German or Spanish. The teams research and investigate the purchase of a house abroad; relocate the adults into new jobs; relocate the children (aged 8 and 12) into new schools; research the chosen area; and present their budgets, relocation plans and storyboard.

Teams must demonstrate enterprise skills including teamwork, leadership, communication, problem solving, risk taking, and marketing, together with financial understanding. The **Grand Final will take place on Thursday 5th March 2009**





Launch of new Business Ambassador Scheme

What is a Business Ambassador?

A Business Ambassador is an employee who is interested in working with young people on a wide range of activities to help them gain a better understanding of the world of work.

The objectives of the programme are to raise awareness of career opportunities available to young

people, and help them realise the relevance of their education.

By taking part in the programme businesses will benefit in the following ways:

- Your business will make a positive impact in education and support the development of future business talent.
- You'll be Investing in your local community in a cost-effective and practical way.
- It is an opportunity to promote your business and raise your community profile, develop new skills and enable continuing professional development within your company.
- You'll be bringing businesses and schools closer together.
- Excellent networking opportunities with other Business Ambassadors.

If you would like to find out more, please call (023) 9228 3400 and ask to speak with Jessica Pemberton-James.

Three on the threshold of success

At the end of a busy year placing students for extended work experience, I set off to find out how three of our students and employers were faring.

The first stop was **Boswells Café** at Whiteley: a friendly family owned company that has been trading for over 30 years. **Nathan** has only been at Boswells for six weeks and has quickly grasped a full range of procedures. **Paula Truscott** (Manager) was singing Nathan's praises: "He is great with the public, a good team member, shows initiative and will turn his hand to most things." Nathan will be studying catering at college from September. His long-term plans are to train as a chef in the Royal Navy before owning his own Restaurant specialising in Fine Cuisine.

The next stop was to see **Liam Watt** who is currently in year 10 at **Neville Lovett School**.

He is studying Construction at college as well as attending a one-day a week placement with **Fareham Borough Council**. I found Liam with his supervisor Mick, hard at work shelving out a cupboard. Liam has a flair for practical rather than academic work and work experience has made him realise the relevance of school.

My final visit was to the **Rainbow Centre** in Fareham to visit Daniel on his placement. Daniel has said that the Rainbow centre is the first place he has ever felt like an adult and that at last he is being accepted for who he is.

I travelled back to the office feeling extremely uplifted. I was impressed by the time and effort given by employers, together with the positive effect gained by the students involved. It was also great to think that these are only a small proportion of successful Students EBP has placed during the last academic year.

**Claire Jolliffe, Project Co-ordinator
Work Experience Programme**

Work Experience Online

In November 2007 **Miss Bailey** from Bridgemy Community Sports College launched the work experience programme to Level One students with an assembly. Students had to apply for four placements that they would be willing to take up using the WEX Online system.

Five months later the vast majority of Level One students have enjoyed successful work experience

placements. These have taken place in a wide variety of businesses, schools and environments ranging from stables to tennis clubs, salons to marinas.

Miss Bailey would like to thank all the companies and schools who have supported our young people with their work experience placements and the students' families for supporting their first steps into the World of Work.

Bridgemy Community Sports College

Forthcoming Events

Primary Schools Science Fair

3,4 & 5 March

HMS Warrior & Action Stations

Final – A Place in Europe

5 March

Holiday Inn, Southsea

Launch of Business Ambassador Scheme

13 March – Lunch Time

Atrium, 1000 Lakeside, North Harbour

Boys Literacy Event

26 March 9.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Portsmouth City Museum

CAD/CAM Challenge The Final

31 March 12.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Venue TBA

PUSH Ahead Challenge Grand Final

2 April 4.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Atrium, 1000 Lakeside, North Harbour

Big Business Challenge, The Final

30 April, 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.

IBM, North Harbour,

EBP Summer Conference

24 June, 8.30 – 1.30 p.m.

Venue TBA

Celebrity Chef Challenge, The Final

26 June, a.m. event
