

# ebppress

Summer 09

## Launch of Business Ambassador Scheme

Friday 13th March proved to be a day of great fortune when the EBP launched its Business Ambassadors Scheme at its brand new offices in Lakeside.

Over 100 guests, representing the entire spectrum of the area's local education and business communities, gathered to celebrate the EBP's success over the past 12 years and hear about our future plans.



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## The EBP celebrate their 12th Anniversary with Business and School Guests

One of the speakers, Sarah McCarthy-Fry from the Government's Department for Children, Schools and Families said:

'When I joined the Department, I learned that Portsmouth EBP is regarded across the country as a shining example of how an organisation can help students both experience and become well-rounded individuals for the world of work' 'In a time of recession, it is even more important to equip our young people with the skills that will be essential in the growth of an economic upturn'.

The Business Ambassador Scheme is a way of recognising the important role that individuals in the workplace can play in helping students to have a better understanding of the world of work.

Those who sign up to become BA's will receive opportunities for training

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and development, be invited to attend business networking events and our Annual Awards Ceremony and most importantly will know that they are making a real difference.

I would like to thank all the businesses, large and small, and the many individuals who continue to support our work with schools.

**Cath Longhurst**  
Chief Executive



## Can you offer Work Experience?

Work experience involves a placement of between 2 weeks and one academic year for a student aged 14 - 16. Placements can be from 1/2 day to 2 days per week or a two week block. The scheme is designed to build and develop the student's skills in a chosen occupational area and supports any vocational qualifications they may be undertaking. Who can offer a placement and why?

Any company that can offer work, which has more than one employee at the place of work, and has employer's liability insurance, may be able to offer a placement. Reasons for doing so include to:

- Contribute to the development and education of a local young person
- Give a local young person the basic skills needed for work
- Help train the workforce of tomorrow
- Encourage young people to think about a career in your field of work

Contribute to the wealth of the local community

For more information on all our work experience programmes, visit: [www.portsmouthebp.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthebp.co.uk)

## City Boys' Student at EBP



We were very lucky to have Michael Turk from the City of Portsmouth Boys' School as a Work experience student for two weeks in March. We asked Michael how he felt about his time with us, this is what he said:

"The first day was a bit of a shock because it was so different to School. I didn't know what to expect, but it was better than I expected. Matthew was a really good mentor helpful and friendly. I really enjoyed my time at EBP. (Matthew Barnard, Project Assistant, supervised Michael during his stay with us). My favourite day was the IT Diploma Day on Wednesday with Fran (Project Co-ordinator on the extended work experience team) which was different and interesting.

Doing work experience at EBP in an Office environment has certainly made working in an office in the future an option. I enjoyed attending the events and felt like a member of EBP staff.

I learnt a lot and most importantly gained a lot of confidence. I think it will help with School as I had to get in on time. It wasn't as strict but was busier than school. It was very interesting and opened my eyes to the world of work and I enjoyed working alongside the friendly and helpful members of staff.

Primary pupils in Portsmouth were catapulting tomatoes across HMS Warrior at the beginning of March – all in the name of Science. Over 1,300 Year 6 pupils attend the annual primary schools science fair. The fair which has been running for 16 years, aims to bring science to life for children before they start secondary school.

As well as testing the strength of catapults, pupils were examining millipedes and dinosaur bones and watching demonstrations on how pills are made.

All this is made possible because of the generous contributions by the 30 local companies who give their time to exhibit interactive activities for the children.



## Primary School Science Fair



## Here come the boys!

Pupils in year 8 attended a Boys Literacy day and became advertising men for a day as they designed a marketing campaign for Pompey's football exhibition at the City Museum in Portsmouth. 50 boys took part, the day was designed to improve their understanding and the importance of literacy skills.

**Etham Hannam**, 13 from **St Luke's** said, "I really enjoyed it. It's nice to be out of the classroom and do something different". Author **Jim Riordan** and staff from the Pompey Study Centre helped the boys out during the event. Pompey superfan, **John Westwood** gave out certificates to all those who took part.

## EBP Language Challenge A Place in Europe

On Thursday 5 March, Portsmouth High School were the winners of our annual Language Challenge. Cams Hill and Horndean Technology College were joint runners up.

The challenge for Year 9 pupils was to create a company that could successfully move an entire family abroad. This encouraged pupils to see how the use of languages can be combined with business and enterprise skills.

**The judges were:** Robin Lander Brinkley, Maxwell Communications, Kevin Israel, Holiday Inn, Jay Kettle-Williams, Chamber of Commerce, Dawn Wall Intonation, Jacqueline Shaw, ARM and Zena Hilton, Comenius South East.



**The winning team from Portsmouth High School with judges. A Big Thank you to the Holiday Inn for their sponsorship**

## Big Business Challenge

The final was held on 30 April at IBM Headquarters, Cosham. The teams that took part didn't disappoint as it was a very close contest between, Cams Hill, Bay House, Springfield School and Horndean School, this made the judges task even more difficult than usual. The teams gave 20 minute presentations to their customer, Portsmouth Football Club explaining how they put their websites and advertising campaigns together.

This year appeared more challenging than previous years with many schools not making it to the end.

Congratulations to the four schools who stayed in the challenge and doing such a great job!

What makes this event so successful is our partnership with IBM. EBP thanks all staff at IBM who were involved with the challenge for their hard work and commitment.



**Winning Team of the Big Business Challenge  
Bay House School**

## PUSH AHEAD...



The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) together with EBP and Solent Skill Quest joined forces once again for the PUSH AHEAD Challenge. The Grand Final was held in the Atrium at 1000 Lakeside on 2nd April. This Young Entrepreneurs Innovation Challenge brings schools and businesses together from across South Hampshire.

The challenge was for students in Years 9 & 10 where a team of five, developed a new and innovative product or service which reflected environmental and sustainability issues.

The Atrium was buzzing with teams displaying their products and showing their presentations in front of the judges.

Ringwood was the winning school, their product being 'The eController' which is a system that monitors and reduces energy consumption.

## Learning over Lunch

Pupils were given the opportunity to learn more about the hospitality industry at a working lunch at South Downs College. The event took place on Wednesday 1st April and was available for students in Years 10 & 11. Students were split into small groups and spent a short time with a range of business ambassadors with whom they discussed career options within the broad field of hospitality and talked about the kinds of routes they can take to get into this field.

This was a fabulous opportunity for the students to find out what it's really like working in this industry.



## Celebrity Chef Challenge



This year, the prestigious Hilton Hotel will be using the winning team's dishes on their Business

menu in the Tradewinds Restaurant for one month over the summer! This is a really exciting opportunity for students to participate in a challenge where the winners will have to meet the exacting demands of a real life business customer with five star expectations! Teams will have the opportunity to:

Participate in highly competitive heats in state of the art kitchens at Highbury College!  
Heat winners will enter the final in a public arena at Gunwharf Quays Food Festival!  
Celebrity Chef Rob Rees will be on hand to chat to the students whilst they prepare their dishes in front of friends, family and members of the general public!  
Winners' dishes will be on the Business Lunch Menu at The Hilton Hotel!

On Thursday 2 April students in Year 9 were given the opportunity to explore the content of the IT Diploma in a 'real world' environment. **Taylor Made** generously offered their IT suite to offer the students a number of interactive activities which included a tour of the site.

The activities were aimed to highlight the 3 main criteria of the Diploma in IT, business, people and technology.

Students learnt that a successful career in IT needs an individual to work well with people, understand the way business and technology work together, and to be able to bring all these skills together to run effective projects.

## IT Discover Diploma Day



## AN ELECTRIFYING STEP INTO SCIENCE



RWE Npower Station gave fourteen Year 10 students a unique experience by enabling them to visit Fawley Power Station on 23 April.

The session consisted of a presentation from the Station Manager and a Graduate's perspective on training at RWE Npower.

The students then enjoyed a tour which included a visit to the control room, they also saw the cooling water drums, gas turbines, boilers and generators.

## CAD/CAM Challenge 2009

The Grand Final of the EBP CAD/CAM Challenge took place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at the BVT Surface Fleet, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth. It is the 5<sup>th</sup> CAD/CAM Challenge and it was to celebrate the dynamic new era of naval shipbuilding in Portsmouth. The students had to design a striking artefact/sculpture which depicted at least 5 trades and professions involved in the building of the new ships.

For the full story visit: [www.portsmouthebp.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthebp.co.uk)



Springfield Technology College  
Winners of the  
CAD/CAM Challenge

# Media Moments...



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[www.britisheciencefestival.org](http://www.britisheciencefestival.org)

## New Arrivals at **ebp** education business partnership



Valerie Kettley      Grace Wentworth      Kerry Murcott

We would like to offer a warm welcome to the following new members of staff who have recently joined the team. Valerie Kettley, splitting her time with us providing administrative support to the Havant 14-19 Diplomas and administering the CRB system. Grace Wentworth and Kerry Murcott are working on the WEX (Work Experience Online) project.