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Inspiration for Language Students

Students who are currently studying modern languages were given the opportunity to meet a variety of professionals whose use of foreign languages is a crucial part of their everyday jobs.

Nick Bennett, a Senior Litigator for Havant Borough Council, said, 'Whenever I work with the EBP, I am constantly impressed by the young people I meet and today was no exception. I enjoy finding out what they are interested in and basically keeping in touch with the next generation who will soon be doing jobs like mine.'

Dr Françoise Deadman, Head of Spanish St Edmund's Catholic School, said, 'This event has been enjoyable and very useful. In the new Diploma we are starting next year there is a compulsory Spanish option, so it always helps to show students what opportunities languages can provide.' And the pupils agreed. 'It has been very educational and helpful,' said Mollie White, Year 9, pictured with her classmates. 'I want to be a lawyer, so it was interesting to see how languages can be incorporated into that career.'



Back row: (left to right) Fiona Scoon (Co-ordinator for the EBP), Linda Makoni, Marco Namar, Jaala Jahans, Asher Ajayi, Josh Mound and Lily O'Flynn

Front row: (left to right) Linda Mudjika, Sneha Barambi, Mollie White, Nick Bennet (Senior Litigator at Havant Borough Council), Pollyanna Doyle, Bernadette Ward and Shannon Devenney-Reid.

As we start the summer term, it's good to reflect on what has been a very busy three months since Christmas. Despite the slightly delayed start to the term in January due to snow, this has been a term of many highlights, several of which are featured through these pages.

Our 'Big Conversation' brought together more than 150 senior business and education representatives, encouraging more people to help inspire young people about their future careers. A key theme from the conference was the need for more businesses to offer high quality work experience opportunities for young people.

As a 'not for profit' business ourselves, we were delighted to win two awards at the News Business Awards this year: Highly Commended 'Team of the Year', and Runner Up 'Achiever of the Year'. This recognition from the business community has helped to raise the profile of the importance of getting businesses and schools working more

closely together. I am also delighted at the recognition for the professionalism and dedication of the EBP staff team.

Looking forward, we are increasingly involved with Diplomas, as well as increasing the support for schools' IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) programmes, by offering a wider range of events and programmes designed to give young people a better understanding of potential career areas. We hope in future, to be able to offer more opportunities for younger students, starting with Years 7 and 8, and hopefully more work for Primary Schools in the future.

Wishing you all a good summer term

Cath Longhurst,
Chief Executive



Portsmouth's Big Conversation

Business Leaders throughout the area were invited to attend a morning conference that saw representatives from UK business, local business and local education discuss the workforce of the next generation and how it will impact on future business.

EBP, in partnership with BitC hosted the free event, on Thursday 28 January, bringing together senior representatives from business and education in order to talk about how best to raise young people's aspirations and understanding of life after their studies. There was also an opportunity to hear from some young people themselves about what has helped to prepare them for the world of work. (Pictured here)

For full details on the conference please visit:
www.portsmouthebp.co.uk



Rajwant Kaur



Francesca Paradise



Winning Sculpture is Made of Steel

Portsmouth students, Lucy Ward and Demi Snook, were recently overwhelmed to see their winning sculpture design brought to life and unveiled at BAE Systems' training centre in HM Naval Base.

Last year, over 20 secondary schools from across Portsmouth and South East Hampshire entered teams into the annual CAD/CAM Challenge. The competition was designed by the Education Business Partnership in conjunction with Consultant, Paul Bush, and BAE Systems to celebrate naval shipbuilding in Portsmouth and the contracts for the nation's new aircraft carriers HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince Charles.

'We were given the project in an art class', explained Lucy. 'It sounded really interesting and something I would enjoy doing. Having had this experience, I now intend to study 3D Art and Graphic Communication at South Downs College after I have taken my GCSEs.'



Students Take On Engineering Challenge

Students from secondary schools across the Portsmouth area gathered at the Royal Marines Museum in Eastney to take part in a 'Merlin Helicopter Rescue Mission' courtesy of advanced technology company, Lockheed Martin UK.

Teams of Year 9 pupils from Horndean and Springfield Technical Colleges, Neville Lovett and Cowplain Community Schools, City of Portsmouth Boys' School and PETA Ltd, were tasked with the design, build and testing of a system required to rescue a Merlin helicopter that had made a forced landing in desert conditions.

The challenge, which was organised by the EBP and created especially for the day by staff at Lockheed Martin UK, gave students insight into and practical experience of skills involved in the world of engineering.

'As a company, we are always keen to encourage interest in engineering as a career,' explains Neil Morphet, Group Engineering Manager at Lockheed Martin who volunteered for the day. 'We feel it is our responsibility to help improve the numbers and calibre of engineers coming from the next generation which we will inevitably tap into and we also need to prepare for a future which is likely to be very competitive.' One of those students was 14 year old Sadé Allison, pictured with her team. 'The challenge has been complicated and hard, but I have really enjoyed it. I wanted to get some experience in engineering because I am interested in what options the science qualifications I want to study will offer me.'

Bridgemary vence a rivales de idiomas

In a fantastic display that demonstrated their enthusiasm, knowledge and ability to show off authentic Spanish costume, Year 8 pupils from Bridgemary Community Sports College beat entries from secondary schools across the region to win this year's 'A Place in Europe' competition.

Armed with feathered fans, flamenco dresses and delicious Spanish tapas of chorizo and tortilla, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that when the Bridgemary team stood up to compete for 'A Place In Europe', they meant business!

A dozen secondary schools entered the annual competition which was created and run by EBP to promote language learning and business enterprise. Now in its third year, teams of students are asked to create a company that relocates families from the UK to a country of their choice.

Along with finalist teams from Bay House School in Gosport and Miltoncross School in Portsmouth, the pupils at Bridgemary presented their company to a panel of expert judges, explaining individual roles and how they had moved their imaginary family to Spain by finding them a house, transport, work permits and jobs.



Bridgemary Community Sports College
Winners of 'A Place in Europe' Challenge

James aims for goal at PFC Study Centre

I first met **James McGuigan** in December at **Charter Academy School**. **Amanda Pullom**, his mentor was looking for ways to re-engage James in learning and improve his behaviour and attendance at School. Initially quiet and reserved, James became animated when talking about sport and helping young children.

A six week placement was secured with **PFC Study Centre's Double Club programme**, an innovative learning programme for students in year 7 and 8, using football to inspire and educate. A full programme packed to the brim with activities ensures that James is never bored. There are three school football coaching lessons, followed by numeracy and literacy sessions back at the centre. Under the supervision and guidance of Adam Browne and Adam Lea he has grown in confidence to facilitate warm up sessions and is developing a fun activity to deliver to the students.

I caught up with James on his fifth week and he explained why this is an ideal placement for him. He would like to continue with this scheme and eventually have a career in this sector.

The scheme has provided numerous benefits. His communication and interaction with adults and children has improved, he is applying knowledge gained to his PE course work and has developed ways to deal with difficult situations in all aspects of his life. In the past James hated Mondays and found it difficult to motivate himself. Now as soon as he wakes up he jumps out of bed and says **"YES! today it's work experience."**

Amanda spoke to me about the difference James teachers have seen in him since the programme began. **"James is a completely changed boy, he has grown in confidence, talks about work experience all the time and loves the responsibility of having his own desk. Being in a grown up environment has had a positive influence on James and his attitude in School."**

Claire Jolliffe, Project Co-ordinator, EBP



Winning Chefs Impress Pompey Players



Pupils from **Horndean Technology College** who won our Celebrity Chef Challenge last year got the chance to cook lunch for **Steve Finnan** and **Hayden Mullins**, players for **Portsmouth Football Club**, at **Highbury**

College's Chimes Restaurant.

Emma Hale, Samantha Ashman, Charlie Bucknell, and Alise Pettitt, known as 'The **Chefettes**' prepared a three-course lunch for the players and special guests, the menu included corn-fed chicken breast with pink Champagne sauce. **Sue Pickering**, Teacher at Horndean Technology College said 'The whole experience has been fantastic for our students. First of all cooking live on stage in Gunwharf Quays, then actually cooking in a professional kitchen, the girls would have been excited no matter who had attended the lunch, but actually having players along from Portsmouth Football Club added real sparkle to proceedings.'

The girls told us they had thoroughly enjoyed the amazing experience of a once in a lifetime opportunity and **Steve Finnan said:** 'The girls did an amazing job in the kitchen and their food was delicious.'

Diploma Students Inspired by Luxury of Local Hotel

Students studying for a Diploma in Hospitality were impressed and inspired by their latest industry visit organised by the EBP.

After seeing the luxurious bedroom suites, the state of the art beauty and spa facilities and the fine dining restaurant, Year 9 and 10 pupils currently studying qualifications in hospitality were greatly excited by the luxurious surroundings of the Solent Hotel & Spa in Whiteley.

'The pupils love getting outside the classroom, asking questions of professionals and experiencing what they are learning in a real-life environment,' says the Diploma's co-ordinator, Jackie Lowe. 'The course runs one day in the week from 8.30am to 4pm like a proper working day and includes a wide variety of activities to give practical insight into the hospitality industry.'



Constructing Careers for the Future



Pupils thinking about their GCSE options were recently given the opportunity to meet senior managers in some of the area's top engineering and construction firms and discuss the qualifications necessary for a career in their industry.

Year 9 students from Crofton School in Stubbington, Priory School in Portsmouth and Springfield Technology College in Drayton all gathered at Port House, Port Solent to have lunch with professionals whose careers had started with the study of science subjects at school.

'I was really impressed by the students' attention and interest in our industry,' says Colin Tedder, Technical Director of Portsmouth construction company Warings. Colin's colleague, Andy Mason, a Managing Surveyor at Warings was also on hand to answer questions. 'I enjoyed explaining what I do for a living to the pupils and illustrating it with examples from everyday life.'

'I enjoyed getting out of school and meeting some people from the real world,' said Jay Armitage, also a Year 9 pupil at Springfield. 'It has given me some new ideas of what I might want to do after I finish my education and what subjects I need to study to get there.'

Success at The News Business Awards for EBP

Runner Up - Achiever of the Year

&

Highly Commended - Team of the Year



Business Ambassador Scheme – One Year On!

The Business Ambassador Scheme was introduced to acknowledge businesses and individuals who kindly give their time to help support students from schools in the local area.

There are many benefits to a company such as making a positive impact in education and encouraging the development of future business talent and investing in the local community in a cost-effective and practical way. Some of the personal benefits to an individual are developing self-confidence, bringing business and schools together, networking with other Business Ambassadors and being involved in something that is worthwhile and rewarding.

Since the launch of the scheme last year in March, we have seen this successful scheme rise to a staggering 52 Business Ambassadors joining the programme.

Many Ambassadors have taken part in a variety of events such as Mock Interviews, Enterprise Days, challenges such as A Place in Europe and Café Coolio. Involvement could be from a one hour activity to a whole school day, the scheme is flexible to allow Ambassadors to select activities to suit their company or individual needs.

If you require further details about this scheme, please contact Suzanne Lewis, slewis@portsmouthebp.co.uk or 023 9228 3443.

Enhanced Support Programme

Selected students from Mayfield School and Charter Academy have again been participating in our Enhanced Support Programme for students on Extended Placements.

Lydia Lyons from Mayfield School has been attending her placement at Marks & Spencer (Portsmouth) every Wednesday since September, during this time Lydia has worked in a variety of departments, she particularly enjoyed working in the Christmas shop.

Other duties that Lydia has taken on include assisting existing staff in the HR Department; Marks & Spencer's have recently had 2 French students who have been working in the store. Lydia has used her knowledge gained working on the British Safety Council Award to explain to these students the floor plan of the store which includes safety signage, safety equipment, fire exits, combustible storage etc.

Students on this programme have the opportunity to take part in a Community Challenge if this is more suitable for them than work experience and a group from Charter Academy have taken this option and arranged a concert to raise funds for the *Haiti Earthquake Appeal*.

The student's original idea came from 2 student's who planned to perform a music recital in school to raise money. However, other students were keen to be involved and the project grew rapidly; and so did their confidence as each member of the team took the lead on a particular aspect of the project and they decided they wanted to hold a musical evening in the church. Permission had to be sought to hold the event, posters were designed to advertise it, staff in the music department were recruited to help with auditions for the show and catering staff are making their facilities available on the day for the team to

prepare refreshments; which is no mean feat as they are catering for up to 200 people.

The concert will take place on Thursday 29 April from 6-8pm at St. Luke's church; tickets cost £1 and are available at the church on the evening. Refreshments will be on sale during the interval and there will also be a raffle.

