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## Portsmouth Pupils Foil Bomb Plot!

**Year 7 boys from Priory and City of Portsmouth Boys' Schools learnt just how important their literacy skills were when they spent the day at The Royal Marines Museum carrying out tasks and solving a series of clues to uncover a terrorist threat.**

The 'Spy Mission' programme, which has been developed by the EBP, saw pupils divided into Logistic and Personnel Teams to crack codes, gather information and communicate what they found out.

'It is a great way for them to learn literacy skills without realising they are doing it,' says Pamela George, Co-ordinator for the EBP. 'They get so caught up in the action, they forget that creating letters, press releases and using dictionaries to decipher codes is actually helping their reading and writing.'

Andy Whincup, Learning & Access Officer for the Museum, excelled in the role of Mission Control officer who guided them through the day. 'The kids have fun, use the museum and really take in the information we have on display to help them in their quest. It is just a refreshing and original way to learn.'



Cath Longhurst  
Chief Executive

At the end of another busy school year, it is such a pleasure to be able to bring this newsletter to you, showing some of the wide range of events and activities students and local businesses have been involved in together.

I would particularly like to take this opportunity to thank those many businesses and employees who give up their time to work with our students. You can see from these pages that the benefit to students is huge, increasing their understanding of the work place, raising their aspirations and helping to develop their skills for the future.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we will be holding an Awards Dinner titled 'Amazing People' to thank our many businesses and dedicated teachers who help to make this all possible. If you would like to nominate someone, even if that someone is yourself or your organisation, please go to our website for more details. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you all a very good summer.



Winner of Prize Draw at Party in the Park  
On Saturday 5 June  
Mrs S Godfrey, Havant



## Brune Park Basepoint Challenge

**While other companies might spend thousands of pounds on advertising agencies, Gosport Business Centre took an innovative approach to its' summer campaign by asking Portsmouth's Education Business Partnership to recruit secondary school students for their marketing ideas**

Year 9 and 10 students from Brune Park Community College were recently given the opportunity to test their entrepreneurial skills after being challenged to create material for the promotional activity of Gosport Business Centre. The pupils were asked to design posters, leaflets and think of ideas for both animation for the centre's reception plasma screen and an audio advertisement for local radio.

'It wasn't easy,' said Leah Duery, a Brune Park student in Year 9. 'We had to work within Gosport Business Centre's existing colours and corporate identity and really think about what would attract people to having their business here.'

During a tour of the buildings the students met tenants from the variety of businesses to gather information and understanding of the complex.

Supported by one of the EBP's Business Ambassadors, Jo Parker from Business Link, the teams then went on to apply both their creative skills and understanding of business to raising awareness of the centre.

'It was a great opportunity to get a really fresh approach to looking at the centre,' said Centre Manager, Andrew Weston who was presented the ideas by the teams of students. 'It was interesting to see the aspect of our facilities that caught the teams' imagination and the things that made a real impression on them. There were some fantastic ideas that I know Head Office will love.'





## College Students Witness Critical Incident Scene

As part of the new 'Society Health & Development Diploma' which was launched last September, Portsmouth College hosted the real life enactment of an horrific traffic accident that illustrated to both existing and potential Diploma students the importance of Partnership Working, Communication and Team Work.

On a bright, sunny Spring morning, representatives from the Fire and Rescue Service, Police Accident Investigation Team and Portsmouth City Council Road Safety Team all gathered at Portsmouth College in Tangier Road to show young people how they cope with both the causes and consequences of reckless driving in a unique 'Critical Incident Day'.

Having asked for two volunteers from the crowd of students, Melissa Dunning from Copnor, 17, and Hannah Smith from Milton, 18, donned protective suits and crash helmets before sitting in the front seats of a car as accident victims. A Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service team from Cosham Fire Station then set to work freeing the girls from the car in which they were 'trapped'.

The event has been newly created and co-ordinated by Portsmouth's EBP and has received great support from the Emergency Services and Local Authorities. After the demonstration, students were divided into small groups to take part in a variety of themed workshops.

## 'Amazing People' Awards Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

Awards Dinner 2nd November 2010, The Holiday Inn, Southsea

The Awards evening is a celebration of the time and commitment businesses, schools, colleges and other partners invest in developing innovative programmes that support young peoples' preparation for adult life and work.

You are invited to nominate 'Amazing People' in your school, college, business or other community organisation to receive an award.

For full details including a pack and nomination form please visit [www.portsmouthebp.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthebp.co.uk)

**We look forward to receiving your nominations!**

## IBM Announces Website Winners

After months of hard work and dedication from secondary schools across the region, the winner of the Schools' annual Website Challenge has been announced.

One of the world's leading technology companies, IBM, threw open the doors of its' North Harbour auditorium in Portsmouth to host the final of the challenge. After rival schools from across Hampshire made their presentations, the judges had one of the closest decisions to make in recent years and after much discussion, finally crowned **Oaklands Catholic School** the winners of the Schools' Website Challenge 2010.

Liz Crane, Head of ICT at Oaklands said, "I would recommend any school to take part in the Website Challenge; the experience the students receive is invaluable. In taking part it raises self esteem, develops team building and if you win, it raises the status of your department and subject. It helps to raise awareness of ICT and the skills that students can develop and helps to promote ICT in a positive and creative light. An experience that is unlike any other competition I have entered!"

The Portsmouth & Southsea Voluntary Lifeguards (PSVL), this year's customer, became the first voluntary organisation to take part in the challenge.

## Winners of Website Challenge 2010 Oaklands Catholic School



The Oaklands team were asked why do the Challenge? Here are some of their replies:

- "The opportunity to work within an adult environment and to present to an adult audience of professional people"
- "Creating a website for a real customer"
- "Something to talk about at interviews, when trying for a job, college or university"
- "Working together as a team and making friends"
- "Representing your school"
- "Professionals willing to give up their time and come and work"
- "Pride at doing a good job"

## "Maths & Dance ... Give it a Chance!"



On Monday 5th July over one hundred Yr 10 students from 9 secondary schools in Gosport and Fareham will be onsite at 1000 Lakeside working together to choreograph dances that will have a Mathematical stimulus. These dances will form the exciting dance show 'Parallel Lines', which will be performed that evening in the Atrium.

Suzanne Lewis, Project Co-ordinator, has been working with Brune Park on this exciting event which has been organised by Brune Park Community College who have spent the last 2 years working on projects to raise the attainment of female students in Mathematics.



### Date for your diary...

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 will be the date of the Hospitality Skills Fair - 'Careers in Hotels'. In conjunction with the **Greater Portsmouth Hoteliers Association (GPHA)**. This interactive Skills Fair will be hosted by the **Holiday Inn**, Portsmouth and will give students (and staff!) an opportunity to find out everything they need to know about the hospitality industry. **Full details to follow...**

## WEX Success, thanks to you!

The EBP wishes to give huge thanks to all of the people in businesses across Portsmouth and South East Hampshire who have supported us in providing a record number of Work Experience Placements this year. WEX online was responsible for over 3,800 placements since the Spring Term - proof that 'together, it's working'.

### Ben at Work at EBP



**Ben Stratford, Park Community School**

EBP are always very lucky when we agree to take Work Experience students, their enthusiasm and energy is always refreshing which brings a sense of fun and enjoyment to the workplace. This time however, we hit the jackpot when we agreed to take Park Community student, Ben Stratford.

From day one, Ben felt like part of the team. He tackled all work given to him with a keen eye and excellent attention to detail. We at EBP will miss Ben here in the office and know that he will do well with his future career.

Ben said: "It's been a great experience, a lot different to what I thought. I always imagined that office work would be boring but it's not all doom and gloom! Within my work experience I have been on Express FM (Radio), made professional event flyers, made phone calls, been on health & safety trips and celebrity chef challenges. Also I have attended an EBP Skills Fair at Fratton Park. The office life has been great it's just a shame the 2 weeks went too fast. I have really enjoyed it. EBP is such an enjoyable friendly and fun workplace located in such a beautiful location.

I would strongly recommend this work placement to future students doing work experience."

## Working Breakfasts 8.30 - 11.00 a.m.

This is a speed networking activity aimed at students in years 8, 9 and 10.

Students are split into small groups and spend a short amount of time with each of a range of business ambassadors with whom they can discuss career options within the broad field of employment. They talk about the various routes they can take into an area of employment.

This is a fabulous opportunity for young people to find out what it's *really* like working within various fields and to have their eyes opened to options they never realised were available.

### People & Society Related

Friday 1 October  
Holiday Inn, Fareham

### Modern Foreign Languages

Thursday 4 November  
Alverbank Hotel, Gosport

### Humanities

Thursday 11 November  
Royal Marines Museum, Eastney

### Science & Engineering

Wednesday 8 December  
Havant - Venue TBC

### Technology

Thursday 17 February 2011  
Submarine Museum, Gosport



## What's new at EBP



We are saying goodbye to Lyn Wakeford and Pamela George. Lyn has decided to spend more time on the IOW and enjoy everything it has to offer and become more involved in the community. Pamela is off to pastures new by way of moving away from Hampshire to Milton Keynes to Countec EBP. We at EBP wish both Lyn and Pamela the very best of luck for their future plans. We will miss them both very much.



## Baby talk...



We welcome back Jess Pemberton-James who has been on maternity leave. Jess gave birth to a baby boy, George, in September 09 and will back 4 days a week.

Fiona is on maternity leave and has recently given birth to a baby boy called Jesse. We send Fiona all our best wishes with her new son.



### Forthcoming Events

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#### Crofton School CSI Day

Date 19 July 2010

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#### Bay House School Yr 10 ED Day

Date 20 July 2010

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#### Step into Science

Date 9th & 12th November 2010  
Location Mary Rose Trust

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### Step into Science & Healthcare

Date 24th November 2010  
Location St James' Hospital

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### Step into Science & Engineering

Date 18 January 2011  
Location Marchwood Power Station

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### GPHA Hospitality Skills Fair

Date 19 January 2011

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