

Developing The Young Workforce Newsletter



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Developing the Young Workforce(DYW)

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) is a **seven-year programme** that aims to better prepare children and young people for the **world of work**. This programme builds on the foundations already in place as part of Curriculum for Excellence. The programme's headline aim is to reduce **youth unemployment by 40% by 2021**.

There are three main publications:

- *School/Employer Partnership Standard*
- *Work Placement Standard*
- *Careers Education Scotland*



The Developing the Young Workforce initiative encourages education and employers to work closely together to equip all young people with the skills and knowledge they will need to flourish in the workplace. Schools and employers must create meaningful and productive partnerships that build on good practice and existing links. Partnerships should be mutually beneficial and reflect the evolution of our society.

DYW at Bishopbriggs Academy

We at Bishopbriggs Academy strive to:



- develop skills for learning, life and work as an integral part of all lessons and be clear about how all achievements relate to these skills
- embed Career Management Skills within the curriculum (Self, Strength, Horizons & Networks)
- ensure pupils, staff and parents/carers know where to find information and access support e.g My World of Work website
- continue to build upon the success of our current partnerships

My World of Work at Bishopbriggs Academy

My World of Work is an online careers education website which provides pupils with career management skills and personalised career information. Using the website, pupils can complete a series of quizzes and questionnaires designed to identify possible career pathways.

The website also provides easy to follow advice on how to apply for jobs, create CVs and utilise skills and interests within specific careers. This can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>

My World of Work Ambassadors

During our S6 Induction Days a significant number of pupils expressed interest in adopting the role of a 'My World of Work' (WOW) Ambassador. Following a rigorous selection process twenty-five of our young people were successful in gaining the role. For the third year in a row, the WOW Ambassadors continue to support fellow pupils, departments and parents/carers in promoting career education and opportunities.

So far, the WOW Ambassadors have hosted a stall at the S5/6 Parents' Night, and presented at our highly successful Business Breakfast.



Business Breakfast 2018

We hosted our annual Business Breakfast on Saturday 24th November which saw 30 local and national partners host stalls. This event provides pupils and parents/carers with the opportunity to network and find out about alternative pathways. Representatives from industries included:

- Armed Forces
- Creative Industries
- Charity & Volunteer Organisations
- Education and Early Years
- Engineering & Construction
- Financial and Business Services
- Healthcare and Medicine
- Hospitality, Travel and Tourism
- Legal Services
- Leisure and Sports
- Protection Services
- Retail
- S.T.E.M
- Colleges, Universities & Apprenticeship Providers

This was another successful morning and we look forward to hosting this event again in 2019.



Young Enterprise 2018

This year's Young Enterprise team is 'ScentaMemo'. The team was chosen through a series of group and individual interviews and now comprises of twelve members, each with a variety of skill sets.

Young Enterprise encourages pupils to work out of their comfort zone by developing their life and work skills in order to create and manage a sustainable business.



This year's product is a hand-finished scented photo frame which has been designed to trigger memories using luxurious scents.

This year 'ScentaMemo' has hosted stalls at all parents' evenings, the Young Enterprise Trade Fair in Clydebank, the Business Breakfast and will also be selling their product at the Christmas Concert.



DYW in Action

As Career Education is now the responsibility of all, every department in Bishopbriggs Academy is working to help our young people develop their skills for learning, life and work.

Some current activities include:

- Computing recently visited the Sky Academy
- Physics have established a partnership with AECOM and completed a four week flood prevention project
- Chemistry have visited the Chemical Analysis Unit at Forth Valley College
- Modern Languages are currently running an S3 careers event alongside Strathclyde University
- Media visited the Glasgow Film Theatre to take part in a BBFC workshop
- Art undertook Architecture and Design work placements at Auchinairn Community Centre

Work Experience and Volunteering 2018

We are delighted to report that a **significant number** of our S5/6 pupils have attended and completed work experience in a range of industries including Medicine, Construction and Education.

Furthermore, we currently have the **largest number** of volunteers in the school's history engaging with activities such as Dementia Friends, Glasgow Riding for the Disabled and Mavisbank Care Home.

Up and Coming Events

- S4 Dementia Friendly Christmas Event hosted in the school Library - **19th December**
- College Application Workshops - **7th / 8th January**
- S4 Dementia Friendly Burns Event hosted in the school Library - **30th January**
- S1 Inter Disciplinary Learning Careers Event - **February 2019**

Building links with our wider community... Our business is your business!

We are very proud of our growing partner database and thankful for those who currently support our DYW agenda. If you would like to get involved and discuss the opportunity of forming an employer or volunteering partnership with the school, please contact one of the following:

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