

# Developing The Young Workforce

## Newsletter



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### Developing the Young Workforce at Bishopbriggs Academy

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**.

At Bishopbriggs Academy we are aware that in order to help prepare young people to reach a positive destination we must work closely with employers and help young people develop the skills and knowledge they will need to flourish in the workplace. We have a range of partners and employers who we work alongside to create meaningful and productive partnerships that build on good practice and existing links.



### How Have We Developed the Young Work Force This Year?

Throughout this year many of our departments have developed links with our partners and have ensured all of our young people have developed their skills for life and work. Some examples include:

- Physics' S3 STEM event
- MYSP Elections
- Biology's Royal Botanical Gardens visit
- Computing's visit to Sky Academy
- Holocaust Memorial Day pupil-led lesson in HMP Polmont
- Fashion's visit to Dumfries House
- Police Career Insight Day
- AXA's Interview Workshop
- AVIVA's Fraud Workshop
- EDLC's Early Years Event
- ASDA's Resilience Workshop



Above are just a few examples of the how we are helping young people develop their skills for life and work. Site visits and in-school workshops/events help pupils to understand the many different career pathways available to them and assist them in identifying the skills required to pursue these careers.

### S1 Interdisciplinary Learning Event at Bishopbriggs Academy

This year we launched our first careers event for S1. The purpose of this event was to provide S1 with a range of career pathways and encourage them to think about potential careers that appeal to their strengths and interests.

During the week leading up to the event, all departments throughout the school delivered lessons on career pathways linked to their subjects. The week finished with a celebratory event where we welcomed over thirty partners in to the school. Throughout the course of the day, pupils experienced a range of interactive presentations, workshops and stalls hosted by our partners representing a wide variety of sectors. In addition to this, S1 took part in a skills for learning, life and work workshop and were supported by our S6 WOW Ambassadors throughout the day.

Using what they had learned throughout the day, S1 created a job specification for a career that interested them and included the skills and qualities required to be successful in this field. Overall, pupil and partners' feedback was extremely positive and we look forward to our new S1 experiencing this next year!



## Volunteering

This year our pupils have been involved in a range of volunteering experiences.

Some of our volunteering achievements include:

- 72 pupils gaining the Dementia Awareness Training Award
- 70 pupils completing the SQA Preparing to Volunteer and Volunteering Experience at Intermediate 2 level in relation to Dementia Friendly Events and other events within school
- 4 S6 pupils also completing the SQA Preparing to Volunteer and Volunteering Experience at Intermediate 2 level for working closely with Balmuildy Primary School in
- Ross Macpherson receiving a Diana Award for his volunteering with Tourette Scotland
- 10 S5 pupils have taken part in the EDC Youth Work Volunteering Programme and have achieved Dynamic Youth Awards
- 15 pupils attended the Nursery Graduation Ceremony at Auchinairn Community Centre

## Young Enterprise 2018/19

This year's Young Enterprise team 'ScentaMemo' created a hand-finished scented photo frame that has been designed to trigger memories using luxurious scents.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the team attended the Dunbartonshire Young Enterprise Final at Strathclyde Business School and walked away with two awards; Overall Best Report & Interview 2019 and Best Runner Up 2019.



In addition to this, all pupils completed and passed the Young Enterprise Exam. A special mention to Emily Birks who passed her exam with Distinction! 😊



## WOW Ambassadors

This year our WOW Ambassadors have done a fantastic job in promoting the My World of Work Website and raising awareness of its key features.

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>

WOW Ambassadors presented at our S2 Curricular Pathway Information Evening, particularly focussing on the new parent focused website. To access the website, follow the link below:

<https://www.mykidscareer.com/>

This new website has been designed to help parents and guardians in assisting young people to make informed career decisions. There are many helpful tools including the "Jobs of the Future" tool which highlights current and predicted career opportunities, as well as the discussion wheel!

Our WOW Ambassadors have been present at parents' evenings too, helping pupils and parents register with the website. Thanks to their hard work Bishopbriggs Academy now has more young people registered with the website than ever before!



## Up and Coming Events

### In June 2019

- Awards Ceremony - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June
- School Show '**All Shook Up**' - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- S6 Prom at The Old Fruitmarket – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Activities Week begins on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## Partnership Working

At Bishopbriggs Academy we are happy to discuss any opportunity for your business to work in partnership with us. This may be in the form of providing work experience, workshops, subject talks or site visits.

If you would like to get involved and discuss the opportunity of forming an employer partnership with the school, please contact

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