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NEWSLETTER EASTER 2024

Proactive Young People CIC works in partnership with local schools, colleges, training providers, and companies, locally and nationally, to provide young people with the career information, advice, and guidance they need to succeed in the world of work.
Our extensive links with local industry enable us to provide outstanding work experience organisation and support for your students, taking the burden from school staff.
Please visit the Proactive website for full details of how we can help you.

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PROACTIVE NEWS ROUNDUP

by Samantha Fitzgerald

Although this has been another short half term, we've made the most of every day. We have several schools sending students on work experience placements and have hosted a wide range of employability events in our partner schools. We are striving to provide the very best services we can to help young people discover the world of work.

As I always say, our success in meeting the needs of learners depends so much on the help of so many individuals in our partner schools, colleges, and workplaces. If you're in a position to offer your expertise by attending one of our school employability events or facilitating a work experience placement, we'd always love to hear from you.

Just get in touch with me or any member of the Proactive team to talk through how you can help us to help the workforce of tomorrow.



CONGRATULATIONS

*The winner of the 10 Amazon voucher in our last newsletter competition was **Jennie Hubbard** of Kents Hill Park School. Congratulations Jennie!*



*Find the hidden **Easter egg** in this newsletter, email us to tell us where it it's hiding, and you'll be entered into a draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher! Email us at: info@pypcic.co.uk*
*Closing date for all entries: **19 April 2024***

WIN!

Y6 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT KENTS HILL PARK SCHOOL, MARCH 2024

We spend much of our time with secondary school students, so what a treat it was to take our fun and educational speed interviewing experience to a primary school!
We spent a brilliant morning exploring the world of work with Year 6 at Kents Hill Park School. The pupils had lots of searching questions for our business volunteers, and the time flew by as they learned all about the many career paths they might explore.








Kents Hill Park School

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Y10 - 12 'BEYOND MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL' CAREERS EVENT, FEBRUARY 2024

The 'Beyond Magdalen College School' Careers Fair was a wonderful opportunity for students aged 14-17 and their parents/carers to explore the various career and progression routes available to them after their time at the school.

We had a fantastic turnout from students and their families, who enjoyed talking with representatives from a range of employers, colleges, and training providers.

Here are some pictures and feedback from a fantastic event.

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I felt that the students we interacted with behaved impeccably. They asked lots of questions and seemed to be engaged with the event.
A very well organised and run event, which was well supported by students and local businesses alike. We had a thoroughly enjoyable time and will be keen to support future events.

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK FROM MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL CAREERS EVENT

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Y10 & 12 ‘BEYOND MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL’ CAREERS EVENT, FEBRUARY 2024







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Dear all,

We would like to say a huge thanks for providing us with such a great opportunity to highlight the career progression within social care.

From an employer prospective the event was very well managed and a great platform for us to highlight the benefits of starting a career within the care sector.

We were blown away by the calibre of the students, they were inquisitive, engaging and asked a lot of pertinent questions. We had a lot of fun meeting with them and the students we talked to have certainly taken a lot of information away with them.

Again thank you for including us in your event, we have made some valuable contacts.

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK FROM MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL CAREERS EVENT

CAREERS FAIR AT ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, MARCH 2024

An impressive array of employers and training providers attended our careers fair at St Paul's School.

Here are images of just some of those who attended to speak with students about their career paths.













CAREERS FAIR AT ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, MARCH 2024

















PROACTIVE TEAM NEWS

Meet the Team

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In the spotlight this month:

Janice Britten



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jan@proactiveyoungpeoplecic.co.uk

Jan Britten has worked with Proactive for around seven years. Although she started by helping out occasionally, that soon became a day each week, then two, three, and now she works four days per week, which would be five if Nick & Sam had their way!

With a background in the Civil Service and then at Warwickshire College, Jan has spent her working life helping young people with their work and training needs. She has an NVQ Level 3 in Guidance and has done the necessary Safe Work Environments for Work Placement training.

Jan's role at Proactive is wide-ranging. Like Nick and Sam, she is heavily involved in students' work experience placements, dealing with contracts and administration, as well as carrying out visits to students.

You may have met Jan at one of our work related learning events & career events in schools. *(pictured left at a recent Careers Fair at Chenderit School)*



As well as organising and participating in these, Jan also deals with T-Level placements, 1:2:1 chats with students who have any concerns with their work experience, and office administration.

Get your copy of the Proactive services brochure



Via email:

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Via Text / WhatsApp:

Send your email address & the word BROCHURE to: **07843 561879**

SCAN ME!

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience placements are in full swing here at Proactive!

The latest three schools to send students out on work experience placements are:

- **ABBEYFIELD SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTON (YEAR 10)**
- **MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY (YEAR 12)**
- **SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES (YEAR 10)**

All of these placements have taken place in the week commencing **March 18**.
We wish all participants well and we'll report back on their progress next issue.

What are... EXTENDED PLACEMENTS?

Extended placements are work experience placements where the student will do 1 or 2 days weekly for a part or full academic year.

They are reviewed half-termly to make sure all is well with both the placement provider and the student.

Extended placements allow the student to have a gradual introduction to work experience but gain important knowledge, training and skills across the year.

FURTHER HELP WITH WORK EXPERIENCE PLANNING: BBC BITESIZE CAREERS

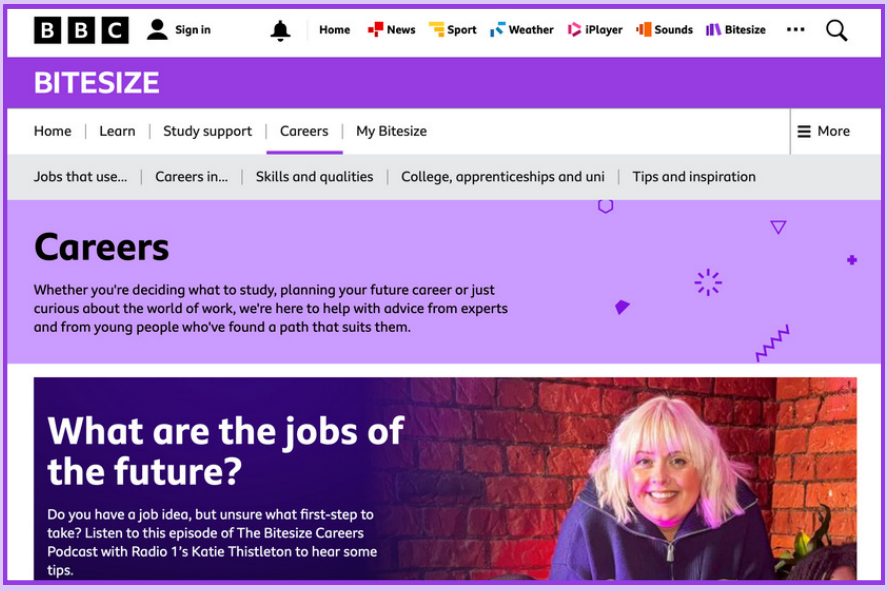
The BBC has introduced a new section to its popular Bitesize website: Bitesize Careers.

BBC Bitesize Careers offers young people aged 11 to 16+ a range of content to help them make decisions about which future careers they might consider.

You'll find videos, quizzes, activities, a new podcast series, and even a 'job swap' film fronted by Dr Ranj Singh with BBC Radio 1 DJ, Charlie Tee.

It's a great source of information and a handy tool to help make wise decisions about the future.

The Careers section of the BBC Bitesize website is available here.



INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE NEWS

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

You'll have seen representatives from these industry partners elsewhere on these pages, attending our many employability events. We're proud to welcome them and greatly appreciate all they do to help in our work of supporting our students and preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

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LONDON DIGITAL INSTITUTE

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NHS Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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NetworkRail

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

ROYAL NAVY

IKEA

ROYAL AIR FORCE

This is only a small selection of our industry partners. If you are a local employer who wishes to be featured, please let us know.

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EVENTS
APRIL - MAY 2024



Tues 23 April

RADCLIFFE SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Tuesday 23rd April 2024 13.15PM – 15.00PM
Year 7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

Tues 7 May

SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Tuesday 7th May 2024 09.00AM – 12.30PM
Year 7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

Thurs 9 May

HAZELEY ACADEMY – MILTON KEYNES
Thursday 9th May 2024 09.00AM – 12.30PM
YEAR 7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

COULD YOU HELP US?

The following schools have students on work experience placements in May, June and July. All placements are for students in Year 10, unless otherwise stated.
If you can support us by offering placements, please do get in touch.

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April 2024:

- **MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY**

May 2024:

- **RADCLIFFE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES**
- **KENTS HILL PARK SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES**

June 2024:

- **ACADEMY OF CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE**
- **HAZELEY ACADEMY, MILTON KEYNES**
- **BILLING BROOK SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTON**
- **CHENDERIT SCHOOL, MILTON CHENEY**
- **QUINTO HOUSE SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTON**

July 2024:

- **ELIZABETH WOODVILLE, MILTON KEYNES (Years 10 & 12)**
- **OAKGROVE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES**
- **RADCLIFFE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES (Year 12)**
- **BEDFORD ACADEMY, BEDFORD (Years 10 & 12)**
- **SILVERSTONE UTC, SILVERSTONE (Years 10 & 12)**
- **MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY (Year 10)**

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A Message from Proactive's Manager



With work experience in full swing, it's full steam ahead for the Proactive team as we endeavour to visit as many work experience placement providers as possible.

Why do we do these visits?

Our first priority, of course, is always the welfare of the students. By visiting placement providers, we can ensure that each student's placement will be at a suitable workplace: safe, reputable, inclusive and welcoming to all students.

Work experience is such a formative experience for young people, and it's critical that all students have a safe and productive placement. We take great care to ensure that this is exactly what happens. Visiting placements is an essential part of the process.

Our care over every element of student safety and wellbeing is an important factor in schools and colleges placing their trust in us, year after year.

Nick Brosnan