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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

If there's one thing the Proactive team can count on at this time of year, it's that our feet will hardly touch the ground until the end of term. During my recent round of work experience placement visits, I've repeatedly seen firsthand why all the hard work is worthwhile. It's brilliant to see young people in worthwhile placements, learning from industry experts and developing skills that will stay with them for life, whatever career they ultimately pursue.

Thanks to all of the staff at our placement providers, not only for supporting work experience visits, but also for participating in and helping to ensure the success of our work within schools throughout the year.

Thanks, too, are owed to all of the school staff, parents and carers who support students in all of their endeavours. Above all, thank you to the wonderful students throughout the region who have seized the opportunities provided so positively and enthusiastically.

And now it's almost time for a well-earned rest! See you in September!





*The winner of the £10 Amazon voucher in our last newsletter competition was **Paul Atkinson** from Mercedes Benz, Milton Keynes. Congratulations Paul!*

Here's your last chance to win our competition for this academic year!
*This time, your challenge is to find a **beach ball** hiding within these pages.*
Email us and tell us where you spotted it at: info@pypcic.co.uk
You could win a £10 Amazon voucher!
Closing date for all entries: 31 August 2024



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PROACTIVE TEAM NEWS

WELCOME TO PROACTIVE'S NEW TEAM MEMBER

Our new Proactive team member is Cristina Pilla.

Cristina joined us on June 24 to co-ordinate and support our Work Related Learning events, business engagement for events and work experience and take the lead in Primary School employability events/workshops.

Welcome to the Proactive team, Cristina!



TEAM MEMBER JANICE TAKES ON THE NORTHUMBERLAND COAST MIGHTY HIKE FOR MACMILLAN CANCER CARE



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

In September, Proactive team member Janice Britten will walk a half marathon along the Northumberland coast to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Janice says, 'This is a cause close to my heart as I have unfortunately had experience of family and friends having to use the services of this great charity. Please donate (however big or small) as, in the words of the large supermarket chain, "every little helps"'

Please support Janice's efforts on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Care via her JustGiving page here. Thank you for your help.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Macmillan Cancer Support, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.
JustGiving sends your donation straight to Macmillan Cancer Support and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

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Text / WhatsApp: Your email address & the word BROCHURE to: **07843 561879**



Y7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT RADCLIFFE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES, APRIL 2024

In April, Year 7 students at Radcliffe School in Milton Keynes participated in a brilliant speed interviewing event with representatives from local businesses.













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Y7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES, MAY 2024

In May, we took our speed interviewing experience to the Year 7 students at Shenley Brook End School in Milton Keynes.













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Y7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES, MAY 2024

More pictures from our speed interviewing event at Shenley Brook End School.











Could these be your students?

If you're reading this in a school and you're interested in booking a speed interviewing event for your students, please contact one of the Proactive team to learn more.

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Y7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT HAZELEY ACADEMY, MAY 2024

Our final school event in May was another speed interviewing event involving Year 7, this time at Hazeley Academy.








Y7 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT HAZELEY ACADEMY, MAY 2024











WORK EXPERIENCE

We love hearing from employers how our students fare on their work experience placements.

Here is some lovely feedback about students who have excelled during recent placements. Well done to all!

> **It was a pleasure having Joel for work experience, he was punctual and hardworking during his placement here**
>
> ***Jardines Pharmacy***
> ***Bletchley, MK2***

> **Abigail worked really well during her time with us. Each job she was given she completed, her confidence grew through the week, she worked well with others as well as on her own.**
>
> ***The English School of Falconry***
> ***Herrings Green Farm, Cotton End Road***
> ***Wilstead, Beds MK45 3DT***

> **Alina was a real pleasure, totally suited to working with children and very quickly felt part of our team.**
>
> ***Employer feedback about Alina from Shenley Brook End School***

> **We already know Casey from her Duke of Edinburgh award volunteering. She is a remarkably mature young lady and it was almost impossible to tell her apart from other employees . Totally employable right now.**
>
> ***Employer feedback about Casey from Shenley Brook End School***

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WORK EXPERIENCE 2024-25

The work experience year starts again in November. Year 10 students from Stantonbury School will be heading out on their placements from November 4.

During July, Proactive team members have been presenting assemblies within schools to students embarking on their Year 10 work experience placements next academic year. Because it's never too early to plan, we're advising and encouraging students to start looking for their placements early.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

PART 1: STARTING OFF

Starting Off is a Northamptonshire based Apprenticeship Training Provider.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

PART 2: UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON SUMMER SEMINAR PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 12/LEVEL 3 STUDENTS

The University of Northampton is offering a series of virtual seminars and Education Roadshow events throughout the summer for any students interested in exploring routes into the education professions.

Summer Seminar Programme

A series of **online seminars** from the University's Centre for Education and Research (CER) is designed 'for everyone who loves learning', exploring subjects such as Immersive Learning Environments (ILEs), Teaching Mathematics, Characteristics of Effective Learning, and much more.

For further information about the *free* summer seminar programme, contact: Professor Jane Murray - jane.murray@northampton.ac.uk

Education Roadshows

There is also the opportunity to participate in an interactive Education Roadshow, where anyone considering pursuing a route into education can explore the choices available to them and find out all about work experience, entry qualifications, and the University's application processes.

Students will have the opportunity to learn from the University's experienced academic tutors, taking part in sessions on subjects including:
Early Childhood Studies, Education Studies, Learning and Teaching, Primary Education QTS & Working with Children, Young People and Families.

School and college staff who wish to find out more, or book an Education Roadshow for their students, should contact Nina Antell from the University's UK Schools and Colleges Liaison Team via email: schools.liaison@northampton.ac.uk or call 01604 892433

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INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE NEWS

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Now that you've seen the images from our recent Speed Interviewing Events in various schools, we'd like to acknowledge and thank the employees from these companies who helped to make the events so memorable and successful.

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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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SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENTS *SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2024*



SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Tuesday 17th September 2024 08.45AM – 12.30PM
YEAR 11 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Thursday 26th September 2024 13.15 PM – 15.35 PM
Year 11 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT



HAZELEY ACADEMY – MILTON KEYNES
Thursday 3rd October 2024 08.45AM – 12.30PM
YEAR 11 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

KENTS HILL PARK SCHOOL PRIMARY – MILTON KEYNES
Thursday 3rd October 2024 08.45AM – 11.30PM
YEAR 3 & 4 FARMING CHALLENGE DAY

OAKGROVE SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Friday 4th October 2024 09.30AM – 13.00PM
YEAR 9,11, 6th FORM SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Tuesday 8th October 2024 08.45AM – 12.30PM
YEAR 8 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

KENTS HILL PARK SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024 1.00PM – 5.00PM YEAR 10-11
'BEYOND KENTS HILL PARK SCHOOL ACADEMY FAIR' - Businesses, Apprenticeships, Management Trainee Programmes, Universities and Colleges

THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Wednesday 16th October 2024 13.15 PM – 15.35 PM
Year 12/13 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

OAKGROVE SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES
Friday 25th October 2024 09.30AM – 13.00PM
YEAR 9,11, 6th FORM SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

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If you think you could spare any time to share your knowledge of your industry or workplace with our students at one of our employability events, please get in touch with us. We'd love your help.

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A Message from Proactive's Manager



At the end of yet another busy and productive year, I'd like to express my thanks to all of the people who make our work possible.

Thanks to the school staff, the students, their parents and carers, and all of the staff members at the businesses who support us. There are so many business owners and employees who give so generously of their time and talents at our school events. Many more local employers offer students their expertise on work experience placements.

If you cast your mind back to your own first day of work, you might remember those unavoidable nerves! Fortunately, our employers show patience and understanding, putting our students at ease and ensuring that placements go well. We're grateful to you all.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Proactive team for their tireless efforts and energy. It's almost time for a summer holiday, time to recharge, reassess, and replan, ready to go again in September for another busy year.
Have a great summer, everyone!

Nick Brosnan