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NEWSLETTER MAY 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

Earlier this month, we held our final round of school-based enterprise and employment events for this academic year. On the following pages you'll see images and feedback from some lively and enriching days.

From now until the end of the school year, it's full steam ahead with a packed programme of work experience. The period between the start of June and the end of July will see us busy overseeing students from 14 schools on their placements.

We support students in many ways, from making sure all of the placement contracts and paperwork are in order to supporting any students struggling to find placements with 1:2:1 sessions.

Of course, we carry out plenty of placement visits, and a typical week will see us dropping in anywhere from garden centres to garages. The sheer scope and variety of the workplaces students experience at first-hand never ceases to amaze us.

We're proud to see young people thrive through their work experience placements, not only gaining valuable knowledge and skills, but also growing in confidence.



*The winner of the 10 Amazon voucher in our last newsletter competition was **Sharon Curran**. Congratulations!*

Congratulations

*To celebrate the spring, this month's challenge is to find a **lamb** hiding within these pages. Just email us to tell us where for your chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher! Email us at: info@pypcic.co.uk*
Closing date for all entries: 28th June 2024

Y9 ENTERPRISE EVENT AT RADCLIFFE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES, MARCH 2024

We welcomed a brilliant range of volunteers to Radcliffe School to work with Year 9. Here are some pictures of a memorable and enjoyable day.













THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
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Y10 ENTERPRISE EVENT AT SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES, MARCH 2024

We love taking our Coffee Shop challenge into schools, and the enterprising students in Year 10 at Shenley Brook End School, proved they are full of entrepreneurial spirit!
Here some of the participating teams display their work.













Y10 ENTERPRISE DAY, MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY, APRIL 2024



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THE MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY
Creative Education Trust







"The students were really engaged and had a positive experience from the day"

SCHOOL FEEDBACK FROM THE MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY CAREERS EVENT

YEAR 9 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT SIDNEY STRINGER ACADEMY, COVENTRY, MARCH 2024

The hall at Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry, was packed with local business volunteers for our speed interviewing session. Many thanks to everyone who gave their time to support this brilliant event.

Sidney Stringer Academy

Believe, Achieve, Succeed













YEAR 9 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT SIDNEY STRINGER ACADEMY, COVENTRY, MARCH 2024










PROACTIVE TEAM NEWS

A NEW OFFICE BASE FOR PROACTIVE

Some photos of the beautiful location of our new office base in Dunchurch Pools Marina, Onley



Bottom right: Proactive team member Sam recently captured some great pictures of the aurora from the marina

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A NEW TEAM MEMBER JOINS PROACTIVE

We're pleased to have recruited a new **Enterprise Events Co-ordinator** to support our packed calendar of events and develop new ones.
We'll introduce our newest team member next issue.

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**

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WORK EXPERIENCE

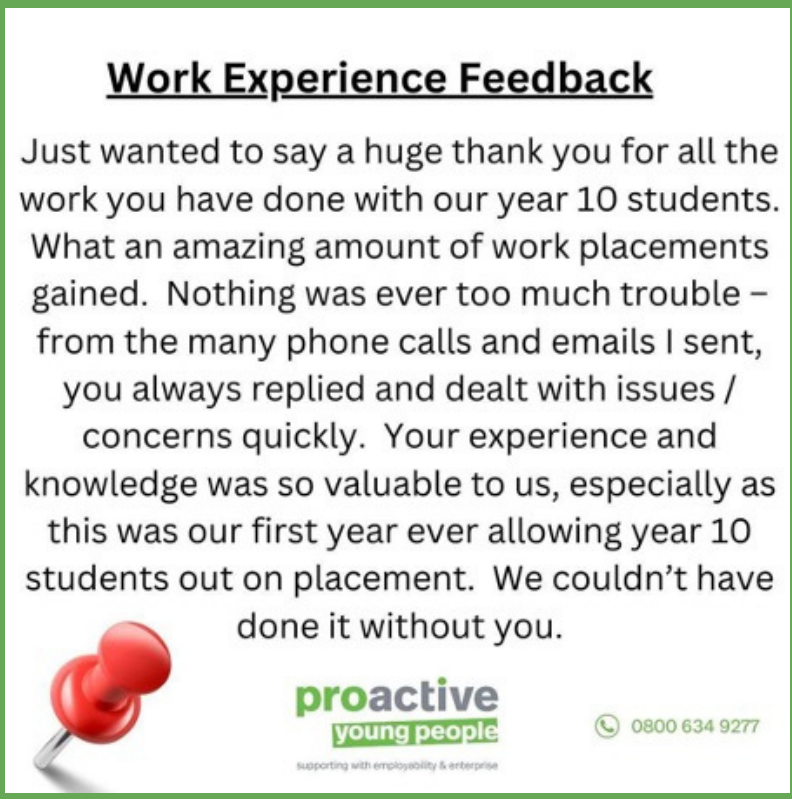
May, June and July sees a constant stream of students undertaking work experience placements.

To the right is some lovely feedback from a school we've already supported with Year 10 work experience this term.

Students from the following schools will complete their placements during this hectic half term:

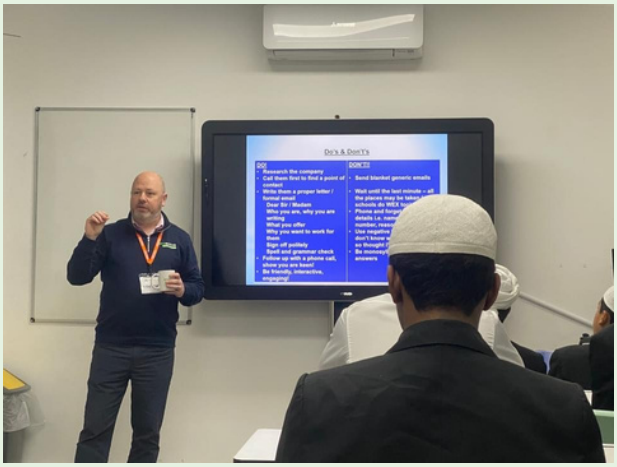
- MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY
- RADCLIFFE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES
- KENTS HILL PARK SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES

We wish all of them well, and look forward to reporting back on their progress in future issues!



WORK EXPERIENCE ASSEMBLIES





Above: Proactive manager Nick Brosnan presents a work experience assembly for students at one of our partner schools

NOTICE TO SCHOOLS

We are coming into your school in July to do a work experience assembly for Y9 before they move up.

Book your dates now for your school assembly!

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITY 1: MILTON KEYNES PARKS TRUST



Date:

Thursday 30th May, 1-3pm

Location:

Howe Park Wood Education Centre

This is a **free** careers event for students.

For more details, scan the QR code or click here

OPPORTUNITY 2: WREXHAM SOUNDS AI MUSIC LAB

AI is changing the world. To succeed in the workplace of tomorrow, you will need knowledge and skills to harness its power.

The **AI Music Lab** is an online programme Wrexham Sounds is providing **free of charge** to teenagers from **May to September 2024**.

Designed to introduce them to AI, this is an exciting opportunity to try out some leading AI tools for which they would normally have to pay subscription fees. Those with musical knowledge can also opt to do an AI music project with one of our tutors.

Teenagers can sign up for the programme any time they like, progress at their own pace, and leave any time.

No prior knowledge of AI, no specific digital skills, no musical background is needed.

All they need is to have access to a smart device or laptop with Wi-Fi access. Tutor support is available. Regular events will bring people together online.

Find out more here or email Wrexham Sounds. Sign up by 28th June to take part.

Wrexham Sounds
Transforming Young Lives Through Music

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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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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WORK EXPERIENCE
JUNE - JULY 2024

JUNE 2024

June 3

- **ACADEMY OF CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE**
- **HAZELEY ACADEMY, MILTON KEYNES**

June 10

- **BILLING BROOK SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTON**
- **QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTON**

June 24

- **CHENDERIT SCHOOL, MIDDLETON CHENEY**

JULY 2024

July 1

- **RADCLIFFE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES (Y12)**
- **BEDFORD ACADEMY, BEDFORD (Y12)**
- **SIR HERBERT LEON ACADEMY, MILTON KEYNES**

July 8

- **OAKGROVE SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES**
- **BEDFORD ACADEMY, BEDFORD (Y10)**
- **SILVERSTONE UTC, SILVERSTONE (Y10 & 12)**
- **MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY (Y10)**

July 15

- **ELIZABETH WOODVILLE SCHOOL (NORTH CAMPUS), ROADE, NORTHANTS (Y10 & 12)**
- **ELIZABETH WOODVILLE SCHOOL (SOUTH CAMPUS), MILTON KEYNES (Y10 & 12)**

COULD YOU HELP US?

We're already planning ahead for 2024-25. So 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



As you'll have seen from these pages, we're busy with our most hectic period of work experience.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the amazing employers who are supporting our students on their placements. We are always so impressed by your efforts to ensure that young people truly make the most of this unique and enriching experience.

Thank you, too, to the work experience coordinators within the schools for their stellar efforts in facilitating these placements.

If you're reading this newsletter within a secondary school, could I ask you please to take a moment to forward it to your contacts in your feeder primary schools, or those within your trust or MAT? We're offering amazing opportunities to primary schools and we hope to build and develop this work over the summer in readiness for the next school year.

Nick Brosnan