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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 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.

PROACTIVE NEWS ROUNDUP

by *Samantha Fitzgerald*

Despite such a short time period between the Christmas holidays and the break for the February half term, we've somehow managed to squeeze in **ten** different employability events in our partner schools so far in 2024.

We've had some incredible feedback from parents, schools, and employers about these events, as you can see within this newsletter.

Proactive's purpose is to provide opportunities for young people to experience and learn as much as possible about the world of work today. If you're reading this, no matter what job you do, students out there are interested in what your role entails. You're in the unique position of being able to share that with them, so why not consider getting involved?

Contact me to learn more about how you can participate in a forthcoming employability event, or even offer a work experience placement to one or more of the workforce of tomorrow.



Congrats There were 2 winners of our Find the Bauble competition in our Christmas newsletter: **Sean Ellis** from Barclaycard and **Laura Beechey** from The Parks Trust, who both won a £10 Amazon voucher. Congratulations!

Hidden somewhere in this newsletter is a **spring daffodil**.
When you find it, [email us](#) at info@pypcic.co.uk and tell us where it is located, and you'll be entered into a draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher!
Closing date for all entries: 29 February 2024



Y9 - 11 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT AT HAZELEY ACADEMY, JANUARY 2024



My Year 9 daughter loved it. She was excited to meet a barrister and discuss her law or psychology future with the volunteers!

PARENT FEEDBACK

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Y12 EMPLOYABILITY EVENT AT HAZELEY ACADEMY, JANUARY 2024



I had a really good time at Hazeley Academy with the Year 12 students. All participated in the mock interviews, took/gave constructive criticism very well, and were very engaged during the session.

Well done Proactive Young People for hosting, it was a successful session and I'd love to be a part of future events.

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK FROM Y12 EMPLOYABILITY EVENT

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YEAR 10, 11, 12 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENTS AT OAKGROVE SCHOOL, JANUARY 2024



I attended today the community engagement at Oakgrove School, Milton Keynes, between 8:45 and 13:00 hrs.

It was a very good experience all round. The staff were very welcoming and students seem interested (most of them anyway).

I'd like to believe that in 10 years we will have a buzzing new generation of QS's..

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK





More images from our Speed Interviewing Events at Oakgrove School

CAREERS FAIR AT MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY, DECEMBER 2023



“ The students that engaged with me were well spoken and seemed genuinely delighted we were all there to talk to them. They were asking questions and presented themselves well. ”

Employer feedback (anonymous)

“ Students were overall well behaved, showing interest in what we do (and the merchandise)... The event was run well, and it was satisfying. We appreciated receiving the timeline in advance, it was helpful in understanding the format of the event. ”

Employer feedback - Mazars

“ Students were very well-behaved and showed lots of engagement ”

Employer feedback - Matt Vickers

“ The behaviour of the students was good! They were all confident enough to ask questions and listened well to answers. It was incredibly beneficial to engage with young people to make them aware of the breadth of opportunities they have available to them ”

Employer feedback - Millie Lawer TPT



CAREERS FAIR AT MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY, JANUARY 2024



The students were very polite and behaved well ...They asked some very good questions and seemed genuinely interested in what we had to say.

We were very pleased with how the event went and the engagement we got from students...

The event was well run and we had lots of great conversations with the students who were all very engaging.

Employer feedback - **Bedfordshire Police**



The students were very well behaved and quite confident being able to walk up to us and ask very smart questions... I think the event went very well and I do not have any comments for improvement.

Employer feedback - **Winvic**



STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS) EVENT AT NISSAN, CRANFIELD, JANUARY 2024

Around 160 students from nine local secondary schools attended a fantastic STEM event at the Nissan Technical Centre Europe in Cranfield, Milton Keynes.

After an introduction and welcome from the Regional Vice President of Nissan, the students were split into coloured teams. Each team had the opportunity to do eight separate activities linked to Nissan car design that were hands-on and fun. These included chocolate welding, egg crash testing, and gear systems, to name a few.

During the day, students were given the opportunity to speak to the company’s in-house careers advisers about careers in Nissan. They also were able to look around 4 of Nissan’s new cars. A firm favourite among everyone was a replica of Nissan’s own Formula E racing car!!



PROACTIVE TEAM NEWS

Meet the Team

This month we're putting Proactive's co-founder, manager Nick Brosnan under the staff spotlight!



Co-Founder spotlight!

**NICHOLAS
BROSNAN**

For the past 25+ years Nick has worked within leadership roles within the education sector. He currently heads-up www.pyptic.co.uk our organisation delivering school/college work experience programs, in-school career/enterprise events, internships, T-Level industry placements, vocational training and work readiness skills.

For over ten years as a Partnership Director Nick led the implementation of extensive vocational qualifications within 12 secondaries. During this time he opened and ran as Managing Director, a standalone Vocational Centre of Excellence, delivering an array of vocational & business qualifications for young people. As partnership lead for the implementation of both Young Apprenticeships and the National Diploma's Nick secured Millions of pounds of funding for schools within the partnership. Leading the creation of a formal Education Partnership & registered Charity he worked with 12 Headteachers to bring about the largest cost savings the area had ever seen.

Working for the UK's largest Work Based Learning Provider for over 10 years Nick worked in a number of Centre Management and Regional Leadership roles overseeing and delivering a host of Youth & Adult Contracts, totalling Millions of pounds worth of contracted business.

Nick is passionate about Vocational Education, Work Experience, Business Links and Young People!



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WORK EXPERIENCE

WORK EXPERIENCE 2024

By the time you read this newsletter, Proactive will already have organised and supported students from 4 schools on work experience in 2024, with a further 18 schools to follow between March and July.

Five of our work experience schools also offer their students extended placements.

EXTENDED PLACEMENTS

These are work experience placements where the student will do 1 or 2 days a week every week for a part or full academic year. This placement is reviewed half termly to make sure all is well with both placement provider & student.

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

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in numbers

542

Number of work experience students supported Nov 2023 - Feb 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE FEEDBACK



“I am the PE teacher at Monkston Primary School and work for Premier Education. Throughout last week I had Natan do his work experience with me and wanted to share some feedback with you.

His punctuality was excellent as he was always there before his scheduled starting time. He arrived appropriately dressed and displayed a positive attitude throughout the week. He was very helpful and proactive in supporting me to deliver fun and engaging sessions for the children. Overall, I am delighted with his efforts and would happily support him again with a future placement.”

Marco Romano - Operations Manager, Premier Sport



INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE NEWS

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

We're delighted to be joined by many wonderful business volunteers from our industry partners. Their help is invaluable for educating and preparing the workforce of tomorrow. We'd like to thank them for all they do to support our students.



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



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EVENTS FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL – BRACKLEY

Thursday 29th February 2024 16.00PM – 19.00PM

YEAR 10 & 12 ‘BEYOND MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL’ FAIR

This event is for students aged 14-17 and their parents/carers to explore various careers and progression routes available to them after their time at the school. Businesses, training providers and companies with management trainee schemes will all be represented, as will colleges and universities.

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KENTS HILL PARK SCHOOL – MILTON KEYNES

Tuesday 5th March 2024 08.30AM – 11.00AM

Year 6 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

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SYDNEY STRINGER ACADEMY – COVENTRY

Monday 18th March 2024 08.30AM – 12.30PM

YEAR 9 SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT

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SYDNEY STRINGER ACADEMY – COVENTRY

Tuesday 19th March 2024 08.30AM – 11.30AM

YEAR 10 CV PREPARATION EVENT

Our team and representatives from the world of recruitment will offer help and support and plenty of insider top tips that will help students to prepare a CV that will ensure they stand out from the crowd!

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COULD YOU HELP US?


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 - and we always provide plenty of refreshments!

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A Message from Proactive's Manager

A short half-term seems to mean that we cram the same amount of work into fewer weeks!

But when we see so many students enjoying their experiences at one of our many employability events, or gaining confidence in their own skills and abilities on a successful work experience placement, we know it's all well worth the effort.

This year, we're holding a greater range of events than ever before, including taking our pacy and engaging speed interviewing experience to a class of Year 6 students.

As you'll have seen in these pages, Proactive's calendar for the rest of this academic year is packed with many more events. Therefore, if you're reading this in a school and would like to engage our services for your students, please don't hesitate to get booked in as soon as possible. Have a great half-term!

Nick Brosnan

