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## WELCOME TO THE THIRD PROACTIVE NEWSLETTER FOR SCHOOLS

**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.

## NEWS ROUNDUP

by Samantha Fitzgerald

It's been a very busy last term for us here at Proactive Young People. As well as a number of schools going out on work experience during June & July we have delivered a number of events within schools including 2 coffee shop events at All Saints Academy in Dunstable & Guilsborough School in Northamptonshire. The students designed & created some very innovative ideas for their coffee shops and did some great presentations. Thanks go to our business volunteers for all these events who give up their time to come along & share their business knowledge & help the students with their projects.

## Get your copy of the Proactive Services Brochure

Request a copy of our services brochure:

Email: [info@proactiveyoungpeoplecic.co.uk](mailto:info@proactiveyoungpeoplecic.co.uk)

Or text / WhatsApp your email address and the word

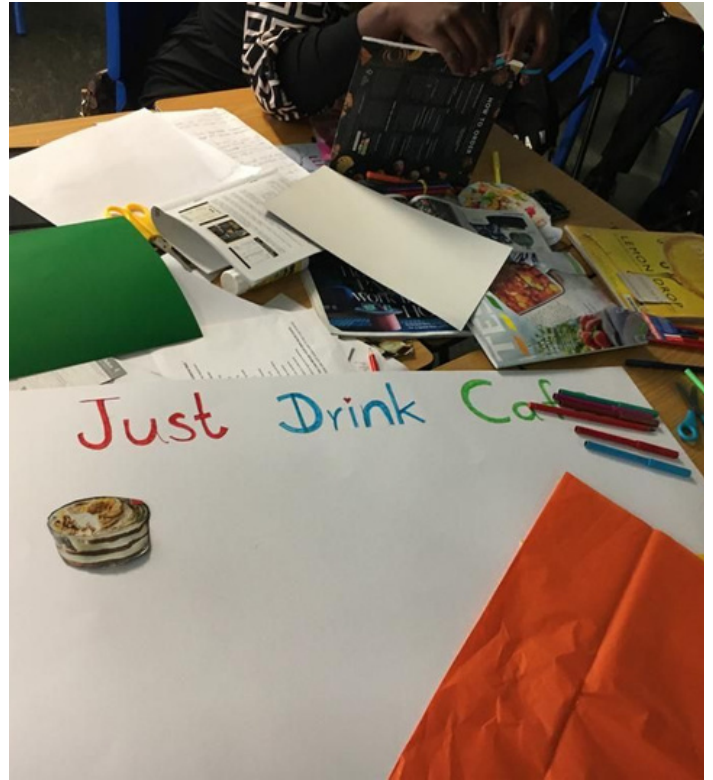
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# COFFEE SHOP ENTERPRISE EVENT, GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



# COFFEE SHOP ENTERPRISE EVENT, ALL SAINTS ACADEMY, DUNSTABLE





*More images from our Enterprise Event at All Saints Academy*

## WHAT IS THE COFFEE SHOP ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE?

This day is a great opportunity to help highlight various aspects of the working world. It showcases the hospitality industry along with providing students with the chance to undertake tasks to introduce them to various aspects of business: marketing, teamwork, HR, design, negotiation, finance, and more.

Students design the building for their coffee shop, looking at structures, materials, sustainability etc. We discuss what is new in the market and what customers' demands are now when dining out and socialising.

After researching, students work in teams to design their own Coffee Shop. They first make plans on a small scale, with pencil sketches. After that the fun begins with colours, paints, tissue paper, magazines, felt pens etc.

It's a really great day, and the students learn so much.

# PROACTIVE TEAM NEWS

## FAREWELL TO HILARY

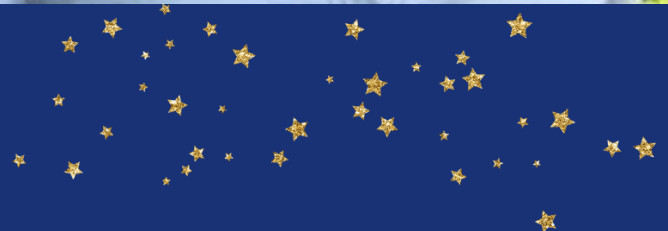
On Friday 21st July we say a sad farewell to our friend & colleague Hilary Edwards as she leaves the Proactive team to begin her retirement.

After 14 years with the team Hilary has been an invaluable team member, working with us on employability events, work experience and placement visits to name just a few.....

She will be sorely missed but we wish her all the very best in her retirement, thanks for all your hard work Hilary, now time to relax.



— HAPPY —  
*Retirement*



## Research reveals benefits of high-quality careers education

A research study by the **Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC)** has found that schools meeting the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks can significantly reduce the odds of their students being NEET or in an 'unknown destination.'

The welcome analysis and report shows that high-quality careers provision by schools is critical for young people to leave school 'career-ready', particularly economically disadvantaged pupils.



ILLUSTRATION: LUCIE CARLIER / C&YPN

# APPRENTICE AMBASSADOR SCHEME

We welcomed our first cohort of Apprentice Ambassadors this term. These inspiring young people have agreed to support local schools, talking to students about their experiences of the world of work.

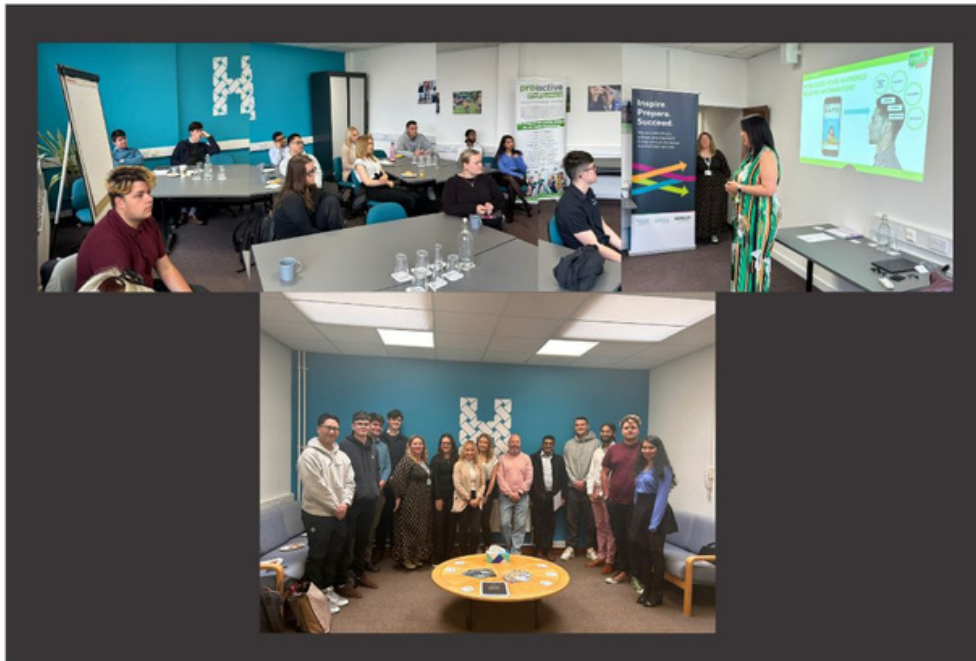
A successful welcome event saw presentations from Christina Robinson, David Hyner, Samantha Fitzgerald, Mandy Green, Nicholas Brosnan, and Aoife Roughneen.

We would like to thank our speakers and everyone who attended, most importantly the young people who gave up their time to come and their employers who supported them. Our guests included TUI, Milton Keynes College Group, Hollis, Tresham College, Welcome Break, Rockwell Automation, Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce, Connells Group, and Partnership Education Limited.



## Say hello to our first cohort of young ambassadors

Representing Apprenticeships, T-Levels, Vocational and Technical backgrounds these young people have become ambassadors, on hand to support local schools, talking to students about their journey, their job and their company!



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# WORK EXPERIENCE

Week commencing 17th July sees the final set of work experience placements for this academic year. In 2022/23 Proactive has overseen work experience for Year 10 & 12 students in over 35 cohorts, supporting both block and extended placements. Thousands of students have gone out on 1 or 2-week placements.

We've met some great companies out on our placement visits who kindly offer their time and expertise to accommodate students and give them an insight into the world of work. Without their support, it would not be possible for our students to have these great opportunities.

We've received some great feedback regarding the process and the enthusiasm of the students from both employers and schools, with some students being offered part time jobs as a result of their placements.

As we welcome new schools onboard for the next academic year we hope the success of work experience will continue.



**SCHOOL FEEDBACK**

"Thank you so much for all your help with work experience! I am so happy with the number of students we have out on placement! Amazing work on this years cohort!"

★★★★★



**SCHOOL FEEDBACK**

"Thank you for all the hard work getting placements at the end of this year, at extremely short notice. We are looking forward to working with you next year."

★★★★★



**SCHOOL FEEDBACK**

"Thank you all for your support over the last school year."

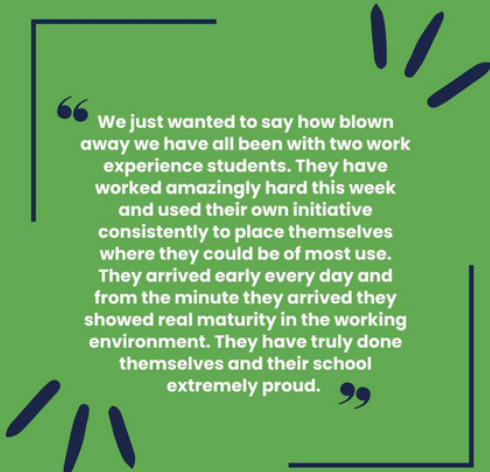
★★★★★



**SCHOOL FEEDBACK**

"Amazing work you have done!"

★★★★★



**SCHOOL FEEDBACK**

"We just wanted to say how blown away we have all been with two work experience students. They have worked amazingly hard this week and used their own initiative consistently to place themselves where they could be of most use. They arrived early every day and from the minute they arrived they showed real maturity in the working environment. They have truly done themselves and their school extremely proud."



**SCHOOL FEEDBACK**

"Our students had a great week out last week, thank you very much for your help and support in making it a huge success. We look forward to working with you all again next year."

★★★★★

# WORK EXPERIENCE AND SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

## SAFEGUARDING CASE STUDIES

Six companies have been **blacklisted** for work placements due to our risk assessment visits

We have discovered the following:

- Unorthodox management practices
- Racist behaviour
- Health and Safety negligence
- Owned by convicted abuser of minors
- Sexual Harassment
- Intoxication of employees

This is **WHY** it is so important to work with a company that does these checks, not only do we do a physically visit but we also complete Companies House checks, Google searches and speak to other agencies and businesses to understand where the children are being sent.

These images are for illustrative purposes only and are not of the actual companies involved.



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If you want to know more about how Proactive Young People works to ensure every work experience placement is safe and welcoming for every student, please get in touch with the team.

“  
It was all very simple and easy to arrange so only positive feedback from me!  
”

Travis Perkins



## INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE NEWS

### INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Our work with young people is made possible with the co-operation of our industry partners. We would like to thank them for everything they do for the workforce of tomorrow.



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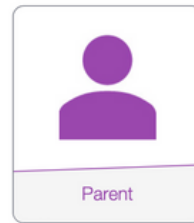
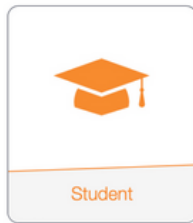
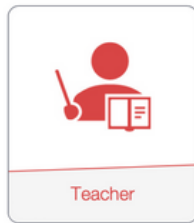
## WHAT'S ON OUR WEBSITE?

Visit the [Proactive website](#) for the full lowdown on what we offer. It's easy to navigate: simply click the link that applies to you and you'll see the latest information to help you.



Navigate by user type

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Please take a moment to watch the new [Proactive services video](#) on our website.

Meet the Proactive team, learn more about our organisation, and find out how we work to help you.




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## A Message from Proactive's Manager

At the end of another hectic academic year, we're proud to have provided opportunities for thousands of young people to engage with the world of work. From enterprise events to work experience, we have seemed to be busier than ever! We've thoroughly enjoyed the year, especially the many wonderful students we've worked with.

As the schools break up for summer, I'd like to wish everyone a good rest! We look forward to working with you again in the new school year.

Finally, I wanted to add my personal thanks and good wishes to Hilary as she embarks on her well-earned retirement.

*Nick Brosnan*



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