

PRESS INFORMATION

Kilmarnock pupils say YES to national enterprise award!

Pupils from Kilmarnock Academy have scooped a national accolade at the Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) Awards in Glasgow.

The Awards celebrate the success of the businesses set up by young people aged 16-18 and Horizon Pages, the company set up by the Academy pupils, caught the judges eye – winning the National Retail Excellence Award sponsored by ASDA.

Horizon Pages creates and publishes ‘survival’ guides for students and pupils and the guides are aimed at helping them navigate their way through the educational jungle in a fun and informative way.

Packed with helpful facts, hints and tips, the colourful publications have been a huge hit, earning hundreds of pounds in revenue.

Horizon Pages was showcased in the YES Regional Finals in April 2016 and, from across Scotland, 17 finalists were invited to Glasgow – with Horizon Pages making the shortlist.

Kilmarnock Academy’s achievement is all the more remarkable as this was the first time they had entered the YES Awards, competing with hundreds of other pupils across Scotland.

The team came out of the competition with many plaudits from organisers and judges for their professionalism, vision and business acumen.

Councillor Stephanie Primrose Cabinet Member for Skills and Learning said: “Wow! What a fantastic achievement for Kilmarnock Academy!

“The YES awards are widely regarded by companies and entrepreneurs as a hotbed for emerging business talent and the Kilmarnock Academy pupils have excelled themselves.

“It’s a brilliant achievement at the first attempt and the business idea behind Horizon Pages is superb.

“The guide is cleverly written, beautifully presented and many hundreds of pupils are benefitting from the wisdom it contains.

“It’s well-deserved recognition for the pupils, great news for the school and East Ayrshire and I look forward to seeing the enterprise going from strength to strength.”

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