

DYW and Employability

Newsletter

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WEST Lothian
Developing the
Young Workforce

Welcome

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) is the Scottish Government's Youth Employment strategy to better prepare young people for the world of work.

At Linlithgow Academy we are dedicated to securing positive destinations for all our learners, regardless of when they leave school. By working closely with our DYW West Lothian partners, Skills development Scotland, Education Scotland and host of other partners we aim to build in our pupils the skills, confidence and work ethic needed for success within all employment sectors.

In helping pupils to be more prepared for the world of work; involvement with DYW is a winning formula for business. We enable employers to attract bright new talent resulting in business growth and sustainability.

From career talks to school partnerships to Apprenticeships, and a host of options in between, we work with employers, support agencies, employability experts and teachers to develop youngsters into successful, confident and motivated adults.

Each month we will inform you of new opportunities, highlight local employment sectors, share skills development work being done across the curriculum and direct you to a host of resources designed to support our pupils, from S1 to S6, to succeed and flourish in the world of work.

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What Ashwood does:

We provide our public, private and third sector customers with wide ranging new build and refurbishment construction services across all manner of commercial, community, educational, industrial, leisure, office, religious, residential, retail and special needs projects

What skills you look for in new employees/apprentices?

Our apprentices should have a keen interest in and aptitude for the technical subjects, possess good numerical skills, strong work ethic, be reliable as they will work in teams,

What career pathway opportunities there are in Construction for young people?:

Despite the recession we are about to enter now more than ever there is a need to support the traditional trade apprenticeship programme as we will need to skills for the next generation. A number of our apprentices once qualified have gone onto do there NVQ and progressed into management positions gaining an understanding of the overall built environment. In addition to the trades apprenticeships there are wide ranging opportunities in technical apprenticeships such as engineering, surveying, procurement, estimating, planning and programming.

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Tip of the Month

Think about your skills!

Over the course of a week, think about the five activities, in school and at home, you most enjoy doing and write them down. Challenge yourself to really think about why it is you like them. Next to each activity, make a note of what skills you used.

Really push yourself and try to summarise each week in this way – you'll soon see what areas you gravitate towards. Once you discover your skills and areas of interest jump onto 'My World of Work' (click [here](#)) and have a look at the possibilities before you!

Opportunities for pupils

Interested in a Career in medicine? The Royal College of Physician in Edinburgh are offering the following online learning opportunities

- The impact of COVID-19 on 15 October
- Ethical dilemmas on 3 November

More

info: https://events.rcpe.ac.uk/?field_event_type_tid=182&combine_1=

Links for staff

Check out the latest [#MarketplaceHighlights](#) in West Lothian! There are some brilliant online resources currently available to pupils, parents and teachers, find more here -

<http://myworldofwork.co.uk/marketplace>

DYW Linlithgow website

We would encourage all parents and pupils to keep an eye on our new DYW and Employability web page. This can be accessed by pupils through Glow and saved as a 'tile' on their personal dashboard.

This site has links to a host of fantastic resources designed to support pupils on their career journey. On the site you will find links to the DYW YouTube channels for Scotland and specifically West Lothian. On these channels, you can access videos that help with interview skills, career choice, CVs and so much more.

Examples of how the Academy has worked with local and National partners are found under the 'Business Links' tab and these pages highlight the innovation and drive of staff at the Academy in bringing the world of work into classrooms in a meaningful way – you may even spot some familiar faces in the photos!

The Pupil area of the website is also updated with job opportunities, online and in person learning opportunities and acts as a 'hub' for all the DYW work and resources produced in school.

A link to the webpage is here -

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/dywlinlithgowacademy/>

What is next?

We have some exciting things planned this year. Firstly, we will continue to update the website and use twitter to keep in touch and share pupil success, opportunities and thoughts.

Secondly, we will focus this year on embedding employability skills into lessons even further. We hope to be adding 'World of Work' inserts into our lessons and making career links more visible across the school in all subject areas.

Additionally, we are going to revisit our 'Skills Framework' and refresh the focus we put on skills across the curriculum and look at tracking them in a digital format. This way, pupils should begin to make links between their rich classroom experiences and where these experiences could take them in the future.

Finally, we are always looking for more links to help enhance our Employability work across the school. If you have expertise to share, opportunities to offer or resources to lend we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact Mrs Bryson if you would like to discuss this further.

Useful Links

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