

DYW and Employability

Newsletter

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What's New?

Welcome to our third newsletter. I would like to take this month to celebrate the excellent DYW work going on across the school already. A huge 'Thank You' to the Home Economics, PE, Geography and Modern Languages departments for allowing me to share.

This has been an incredibly tough term and I am so impressed at how dedicated our young people have been to their studies and how they have embraced opportunities to take their skills out of a curricular context and into the world of work. I am also so proud of colleagues who, in spite of such unusual circumstances, are so committed to providing such enriching and valuable experiences for our learners.

I hope all pupils, staff and their families have a restful winter break and I look forward to bringing you even more exciting news, innovations and opportunities in the New Year.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs Bryson

SECTOR SPOTLIGHT SKY



What Sky does:

Sky is Europe's leading direct-to-consumer media and entertainment company with £13.6 Billion revenue; 24 million customers; 32 thousand employees in 6 countries- including West Lothian in Scotland

What skills you look for in new employees/apprentices?

There is a lot of information on careers.sky.com and on careers.sky.com/early-careers on what types of vacancies and apprenticeships are available. In Scotland most of our apprenticeships are in the business area (such as HR and Finance); the contact centres or technology. We look for people who embrace our values which are on the Sky web sites.

What career pathway opportunities there are in the digital/IT sector for young people?

The range of opportunities for apprentices in digital/IT varies each year but there are normally vacancies in ranging from IT infrastructure through to development teams which could cover areas such as business analysis or even coding or testing. Technology apprenticeship applications open shortly and you can register your interest on the Sky Early Careers site -

Early Careers - Sky.

Work around the school

Skills for Work - Hospitality pupils went for a short barista and mocktail making session to Cafebar 1807. The course requires pupils to make a range of hot and cold beverages using a range of glassware. Kieran and Sean kindly gave up their time before opening for the day to share their expertise with the group. It was great fun and very informative, definitely some baristas and mixologists in the making!



S1 Geography classes have been studying Earth Forces this term, and as part of the work on Volcanoes they took part in a series of lessons about working as a Volcanologist or Geo-Scientist. Pupils learned about 'A Day in the Life' of a Volcanologist, and learned that a lot of time is spent in the lab analysing satellite images and lava samples, but that some of the time Volcanologists are 'in the field' studying volcanoes or collecting rock samples.

They also learned about the skills that are needed to be a Volcanologist (love of the outdoors, data handling and lab skills, report writing skills, team working skills), about the qualifications needed to become a Volcanologist, and most importantly, what they get paid! They also had a go at analysing data to predict if a volcano was going to erupt, and had to recommend whether or not to evacuate a village for safety reasons. Once all the research was complete, S1s had to use what they had learned to write a job advert for a Volcanologist/Geo-Scientist job.



In **Home Economics** we have some exciting input coming from a number of places!

Abertay University will be talking virtually with Senior Phase pupils in Health and food Technology about pathways into courses at their university linked with food, nutrition and health. They will give pupils an insight about the industry as a whole.

The Royal Navy will be doing a virtual cooking demonstration to S3 pupils in Home Economics, showing them practical cookery skills as well as discussing career pathways with the Navy and how to access the Navy.

In **S3 Spanish and French** pupils have a world of work unit and this is linked to the real world and real jobs you can do with Languages.

Ross Philips, our careers advisor, circulated S3 classes last year and delivered information on how you can use your languages in many jobs and the pupils were very impressed with the number of jobs available - many they had not thought about.

With a degree in Languages you can do joint degrees with practically every other subject area. Pupil and staff feedback was very positive and as we cover CV writing and interview skills the course works very well with giving pupils an insight and real transferable skills in the world of work for their future.

Communication Skills Are Enhanced!

- By learning another language, you gain better understanding of your own language.
- It also makes you a better listener!
- Communication is the number one skills employers are looking for and helps with things like interviews, CV and job applications – even securing a part time job!



Lecturer



Doctor



Solicitor



Engineer

These Are Some of the Strengths You'll Develop With Modern Languages!

Skills for the Future



Sources:
The Future of Skills: Employment in 2030, Sept 2017
Skills 4.0: A Skills Model to Drive Scotland's Future, Feb 2018

The PE department are running the School of Rugby again in Partnership with Linlithgow Rugby club. This is a fabulous opportunity for S1-4 pupils who are considering taking their sporting skills further.

At Linlithgow Academy we understand that a healthy lifestyle can contribute to improved achievement, increased confidence and an optimistic outlook on life.

Scottish Rugby is working in partnership with Linlithgow Academy and Linlithgow Rugby club to become part of the 'Schools of Rugby' programme funded by Scottish Rugby. This programme aims to use rugby to enhance qualities such as leadership, enjoyment, achievement, engagement and respect alongside improving playing skills.

The programme aims to develop the players in the following areas.

- Key skills / national themes - Hand catch, tackling, ball presentation
- Game sense skills - Decision making, defence, attack,
- Physical competencies - Agility, core strength, speed, strength
- Mental skills - focus discipline leadership
- Lifestyle Management - nutrition, hydration, rest



Darren Marr who owns Marvellous Fitness, currently based in West Calder will be supporting the National 5 Sport & Recreation students through their delivering Fitness sessions unit. He will be upskilling them to support them too

- Complete a baseline fitness assessment , training plan and tracking programme for a client
- Learn how to modify session effectively for their client
- Evidence the progress that has been made and explain changes and adaptations all with the client in mind.

Alongside this he is going to support some students to achieve their Level 2 Gym Instructor award which will allow them to seek employment within the fitness industry.

Links for parents

It is that time of year where some of our young people are thinking about leaving school, subject choice or what will happen after next term. This is a scary time for parents too. Below are a number of links that will help parents support their youngsters to move forward in a positive way

<https://www.dyw-wl.com/parents.html> - An excellent site which 'Helps you help them' and directs parents to links with SQA, My World of Work, Career information and heaps of other excellent resources

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone> - Parentzone is Education Scotland's hub for all information on how to support your learner or offer your skills to schools to help support learning experiences

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/dywlinlithgowacademy/> - the Academy's DYW and employability hub – here are links to presentations, job opportunities, support materials and information about our work already ongoing as well as examples of work elsewhere in Scotland. We are seeking to add a more interactive Parent Area to this in the future so please get in touch with what you would like to see!

Opportunities for Staff

MWOW – Market place

Learn about the world of work with offers from employers tailored to their learning outcomes.

The online tool makes it easy for you to make connections. Teachers can search, book and confirm places for your class direct through Marketplace.

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/marketplace>

Founders4Schools

Find local employers matching the interests of your students and invite them to an event at your school.

Using LinkedIn, Founders4Schools helps you source local business leaders. Narrow down your search based on industry, job role or gender and Founders4School will make the connection.

<https://www.founders4schools.org.uk/partners/ses/>

Please speak to your PTC or Mrs Bryson to find out more about this wonderful resource!

World of Work – Meet the Experts

Bring the world of work to life with our virtual Meet the Expert sessions.

As part of the My World of Work Live programme, the 40-minute sessions will help inspire young people to consider careers in key sectors.

Experts from a range of sectors will cover topics like their role and how they got there, as well as hints and tips for anyone thinking about a career in that sector. Young people will be able to interact and ask questions, giving them a chance to gain valuable insight to the role.

Why take part?

The Curriculum for Excellent highlights the importance of linking learning to the world of work. Meet the Expert will help you bring learning to life and the young person develops an understanding of the responsibilities and duties placed on employees and employers.

How to get involved

To get involved, head to [Marketplace](#) and register your class for an event.

Here's a list of what's coming up:

- 1st December 2020 – [Virtual Meet the Expert: Aegon, IT & Digital Technology](#)
- 10th December 2020 – Virtual Meet the Expert: Zero Waste Scotland, Circular Economy
- 15th December 2020 - Virtual Meet the Expert - Public Health Scotland - Healthcare and Social Work - Health Improvement

Useful Links

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