

proactive young people

NEWSLETTER Easter 2026



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Work experience feedback

More feedback:
on 22-23



It's been lovely to be able to provide a student with some work experience this week...
The student has shown eagerness and motivation in all the tasks she's been asked to do. She is a hard worker and has fitted well within the team...
She follows instructions effectively and picks tasks up quickly.
She comes across as polite, confident and professional.
Well done, and thank you for your contribution this week!



It's been another incredibly busy and rewarding few weeks here at **Proactive Young People CIC**, as we continue our mission to support young people in gaining meaningful experiences and building confidence for their futures.

A key focus recently has been our **1-to-1 support sessions with students** who are actively sourcing their own work experience placements. These personalised sessions are making a real difference — helping students feel more confident in reaching out to employers, understanding workplace expectations, and securing opportunities that align with their interests and aspirations.

Alongside this, we have been **supporting students every step of the way** in finding and confirming placements. From guidance on contacting businesses to preparing for their first day, we are proud to ensure each student feels ready and supported as they take this important step into the world of work.

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We have also been investing in our own team, with staff recently completing **refresher training in safeguarding within the workplace**. Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do, and these updates ensure our knowledge is current, robust, and aligned with best practice.

At **Proactive Young People CIC**, we place a **strong emphasis on the safety and wellbeing of every young person** while they are on placement. We work closely with schools and employers to ensure environments are safe, supportive, and enriching — giving both students and parents peace of mind.



It's been fantastic to see so many young people taking positive steps towards their future careers, and we are excited to continue supporting even more students in the weeks ahead.

Sam



TEAM NEWS

Sam

Samantha recently returned from an incredible family holiday in Vietnam, where she spent time in the vibrant city of Hanoi. From soaking up the rich culture to trying a variety of local dishes (including the famous egg coffee!), it was a truly memorable experience.

Sam was also lucky enough to be there during Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, enjoying spectacular firework displays and celebrations across the city — a once-in-a-lifetime experience!



Jan

Jan is also counting down to the Easter weekend, where she'll be heading to the East Sussex coast for a relaxing seaside escape. A chance to unwind, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved downtime by the sea



Nick

Nick is now looking ahead to a well-earned Easter break in beautiful Wales. He's excited to spend precious time with his young children and family, with plenty of Easter egg hunts, fresh countryside air, and hopefully some adorable lamb-spotting along the way

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



This edition, we are proud to spotlight Jo Booth, Learning & Development Assistant at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Jo has been an incredible supporter of Proactive Young People CIC, playing a key role in our speed interviewing events, careers fairs, and wider employability activities. Her enthusiasm and commitment to supporting young people is truly inspiring.

In addition, Jo and the entire team at Milton Keynes Hospital have been instrumental in providing a large number of work experience placements for our students – offering invaluable real-world insights into careers within the NHS.

Their continued support has had a huge impact on so many young people, helping to shape futures and build confidence.

“We feel incredibly lucky to have Jo’s support – a huge thank you to Jo and the whole team at Milton Keynes Hospital!”

INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES



Where ambition begins



Glass



Ceramics



Jewellery

Design Crafts Teachers' Taster Experience

Wednesday 1st April | 6.00pm – 8.00pm

This workshop, designed for Teaching practitioners is a fantastic opportunity to expand your craft/design/3D making skills and learn about materials and processes in our fully equipped workshops at De Montfort University, led by professional practitioners.

For questions, please reach out to edmond.byrne@dmu.ac.uk

Book your free place

INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES



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Forensic Science Experience

Friday 8th May | 10.00am - 2.00pm

We have a fantastic opportunity for students who are interested in exploring Forensic Science at university.

The session will provide an introduction to studying Forensic Science at university, including course content, teaching methods, opportunities and career pathways.

Students will take part in an analysis of a mock crime scene using printed materials, which will cover:

- Presumptive testing for blood and saliva using a clothing exhibit
- Introduction to drug analysis
- Fingerprint development and comparison

The session lasts approximately two hours and can be delivered in the morning or afternoon. Wraparound activities such as a campus tour, lunch break and student ambassador Q&A can also be included.

Please note: Year 12 students will typically need a Level 3 science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Applied Science) to study Forensic Science at DMU.

School group bookings only.

INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES



Where ambition begins



Book Festival



Scan QR code to book tickets!

DMU's Leicester Centre for Creative Writing presents

Independent Publishing, Independent Writing, Independent Thinking

STATES OF INDEPENDENCE

States Of Independence - Book Festival

Saturday 28th March | 10.00am – 4.00pm

We're excited to announce States 2026 'Back to the Bookstalls', a day of independent publications, thought and creativity.

Join us for a keynote from Leicester legend Carol Leeming MBE DUniv FRSA; poet, playwright, director, curator, musician, composer, digital / visual artist.

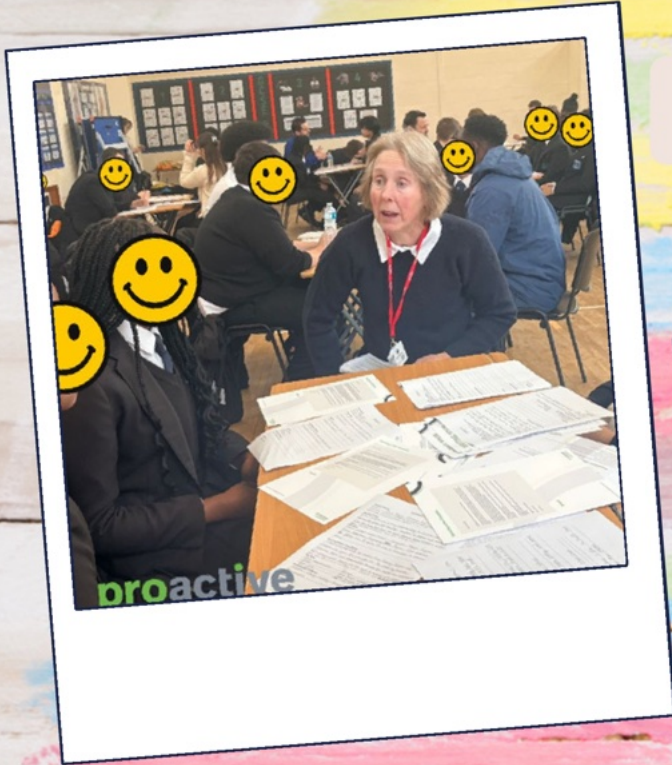
Plus, an Open Mic poetry reading, literary agent 1-to-1s, Children's activities, a café; and bookstalls galore!

Book your place

ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 11

CV SUPPORT & MOCK
INTERVIEW EVENT
WOOTTON UPPER SCHOOL
20TH JANUARY 2026



WOOTTON
UPPER SCHOOL

ENTERPRISE EVENTS

6TH FORM EMPLOYABILITY
EVENT.

HAZELEY ACADEMY
21ST JANUARY 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 9

SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT
MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL
21ST JANUARY 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 9

SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT
SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL

26TH JANUARY 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 9

HAZELEY ACADEMY
SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT,
30TH JANUARY 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 11

ETONE COLLEGE, NUNEATON
EMPLOYABILITY & MOCK INTERVIEWS

2-DAY EVENT

4-5TH FEBRUARY 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 12

SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL,

6TH FORM

EMPLOYABILITY EVENT

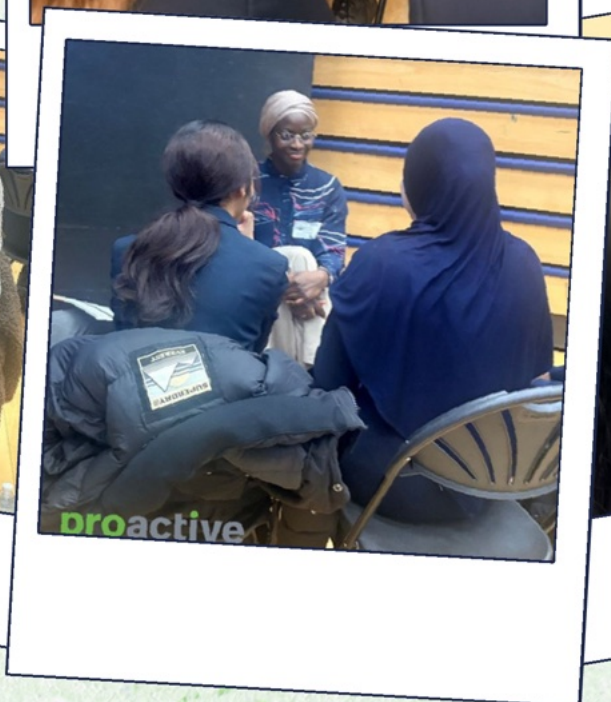
4TH FEBRUARY 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS



YEAR 7, 8 & 10
OAKGROVE SCHOOL,
SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT
6TH FEBRUARY 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 12 & 13

THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL,
SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT,
10TH FEBRUARY 2026



THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 13

KIMBERLY COLLEGE,
CV SUPPORT & MOCK
INTERVIEW EVENT,
5TH MARCH 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS



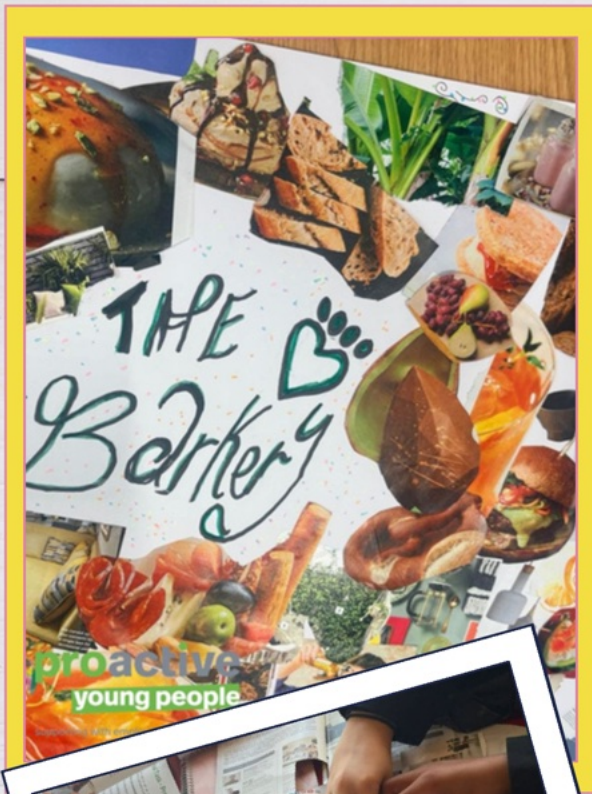
YEAR 7, 8 & 10
OAKGROVE SCHOOL,
SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENTS
MARCH 2026



ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 11

HIGHAM LANE SCHOOL & HIGHAM LANE
NORTH ACADEMY, NUNEATON
COFFEE SHOP ENTERPRISE DAYS,
MARCH OCTOBER 2025



EVENTS FEEDBACK

Comments from our industry volunteers

“The students were engaged, curious, and a real credit to their school.” *Mark*

“It’s fantastic to see young people building confidence so quickly.” *David*

“The students asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm.”

Lisa

“A really rewarding experience — I’d love to support again.” *James*

“The support from the PYP team made everything run seamlessly.” *Andrew*

“Such a well-organised event — we really enjoyed being part of it.”

Sarah

“Great opportunity to connect with future talent.”

Priya

“Brilliant event, very well structured and impactful.” *Rachel*

EVENTS FEEDBACK

Thoughts from our brilliant student participants

I feel so much more confident talking to employers now.” *Jake*

“This has made me think differently about my future.”
Chloe

“I didn’t realise how many career options there are!” *Liam*

“This has helped me understand what employers are looking for.”
Sophie

“The mock interviews really helped calm my nerves.” *Amira*

“The volunteers were really friendly and gave great advice.” *Ella*

“I now feel ready for my work experience placement.” *Tyler*

“I enjoyed every part of the day, especially the interviews!”
Jayden

“I’ve learned how to present myself more professionally.”
Mason

EVENTS - WHAT'S COMING UP?

Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire & Warwickshire

Year 8 Fawltly Towers Enterprise Day AM	Milton Keynes Academy	15.04.26
Year 10 Employability & Mock Interview Event	Milton Keynes Academy	15.04.26
Year 9,10, 11 'Beyond Northampton' School Fair	Northampton School	22.04.26
Year 9 Fawltly Towers Enterprise Day AM	Stephenson Academy	22.04.26
Year 7 Speed Interviewing	The Radcliffe School	28.04.26
Year 7 Speed Interviewing	Shenley Brook End School	05.05.26
Year 7 Speed Interviewing	Magdalen College School	13.05.26
Year 10 Speed Interviewing	Wootton Upper School	25.06.26
Year 12 Employability Event	Higham Lane School	25.06.26
Year 12 Employability Event	Magdalen College School	01.07.26
Year 7 Speed Interviewing	Hazeley Academy	02.07.26
Made in Bedfordshire Careers & Futures Festival	Kimberley College	Date TBC



To participate in any of our forthcoming events
or if you have any questions,
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SUMMER TERM AVAILABILITY

BOOK NOW!

We still have limited availability over the Summer Term to deliver our engaging WRL (Work-Related Learning) Events.

Our WRL Events Include:

- **Employability Days** – CV preparation, mock interviews, team building, psychometric testing & assessment centre activities (Years 9–13)
- **Speed Interviewing Events** – Meet real employers and explore career pathways (Years 7–13)
- **Disco Dilemma Enterprise Day** – Transform a nightclub into a thriving under-18s venue
- **Farming Challenge Day** – Learn about food, farming, and sustainability (Primary & KS3)
- **Fawty Towers Enterprise Day** – Design and develop a successful hotel business
- **Coffee Shop Challenge Day** – Create and run your own coffee shop (Primary & KS3)
- **Theme Park Enterprise Day** – Design and pitch your own theme park
- **6th Form Business Networking Events** – Breakfasts, brunches & cream teas with employers
- **Progression Events** – Careers fairs with businesses, apprenticeships, colleges & universities

All of our events are:

- **Fully resourced with student booklets**
- **Supported by experienced business volunteers**
- **Mapped to key employability skills and Gatsby Benchmarks**
- **Flexible to fit your school timetable (full or half day options)**

Secure your date:

If you'd like to bring one of our **high-impact employability or enterprise events** to your students this summer term

Get in touch today to book your session

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OUR SERVICES

For Secondary Schools

For more information, please contact Samantha Fitzgerald on 07702 048618 or you can send an email to samantha@proactiveyoungpeoplecic.co.uk

CAREERS FAIRS



Explore & Connect
(direct access)

PARENT & BUSINESS NETWORKING



Business information
& knowledge sharing

WORK EXPERIENCE



Bridging the gap between
school and work life

SPEED INTERVIEWING



Confidence Building

LIMITED TIME PERIOD OFFER WHILST FUNDING SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE!

ENTERPRISE DAYS



Theme Park, Coffee Shop, Farm,
Fawlty Towers, Disco Dilemma

EMPLOYERBILITY EVENTS



CV workshop, 121's, mock
interviews & team building

BESPOKE BUSINESS BREAKFAST/AFTERNOON TEA



Direct access to employers
(6th Form only)

BUSINESS DAY VISITS BUSINESS TASTER DAYS



Meaningful experience of
the workplace





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LIMITED TIME PERIOD OFFER WHILST FUNDING SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE!

SPEED INTERVIEWING



Fun and interactive

Learning from work industries

Confidence Building

Successful referrals made by you will earn you 10% off your next event!

10% OFF

ENTERPRISE DAYS



Learning by doing

Meaningful

Theme Park, Farming Challenge



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CAREER RELATED LEARNING



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DROP DOWN DAYS

For Secondary Schools

BOOKING UP FAST FOR 2025/2026!



Speed Interviewing

Employability Events

CV Workshops

Mock Interviews

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GATSBY BENCHMARKS

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Primary Schools - Secondary Schools - Businesses

'PYP help bridge the gap from school life to working life'

- Work Experience Placements
- Employability Events
- Enterprise Events
- Speed Interview Events
- Business Day Visits
- Business Taster Days
- Careers Fairs
- Parent & Business Networking
- Bespoke Business Breakfast/ Afternoon Tea
- CV Workshops
- Mock Interviews



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Are you a primary or secondary school needing 3rd party support or advice with all things work experience? For an informal chat

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Are you are a business owner or representative keen to get involved with our enterprise & employability events?

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