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*Newsletter* **SUMMER** Edition!



The poster features the White Spire School logo in the top corners. The central text reads '2025 MKEN MILTON KEYNES EDUCATION AWARDS' above a photo of a large group of students and staff in costumes. Below the photo is the word 'Congrats!' in pink script. The bottom section declares 'SEND TEAM/SCHOOL OF THE YEAR WINNER WHITE SPIRE SCHOOL'. At the very bottom, logos for sponsors are listed: All Things Business, Parquier, proactive young people, and Willen Hospice. A tagline at the bottom reads 'EDUCATION NEEDS BUSINESS BUSINESS NEEDS EDUCATION'.

2025 MKEN MILTON KEYNES EDUCATION AWARDS

*Congrats!*

SEND TEAM/SCHOOL OF THE YEAR  
**WINNER**  
WHITE SPIRE SCHOOL

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# END OF YEAR SUMMARY 2024/25

**By Nicholas Brosnan - Founding Director**

**As we wrap up another academic year, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the schools, teachers, careers leaders, and local employers who have worked alongside us to support young people this year.**

## **What We've Achieved Together:**

- Over 18,000 students engaged through our employability, enterprise, and careers programmes.
- Delivered a wide range of activities including Speed networking, interview practice, employer engagement days, and enterprise challenges.
- Introduced our already popular Theme Park Takeover event, now reaching more schools and fully adapted for SEND learners.
- Continued to connect schools with local and regional employers to help bring the world of work into the classroom, with over 6,000 work experience students supported.
- We've also increased our focus on engaging parents and carers, recognising the vital role they play in supporting young people's career choices and ambitions.

## **What's Next:**

- We're excited to be focusing on and supporting schools with the Equalex framework.
- Strengthening our partnership with South Midlands Careers & Enterprise Company to help schools meet the Gatsby Benchmarks and ensure every young person has access to quality careers experiences.
- Further expanding our local labour market fed, employer encounters programmes to help even more students develop the skills and confidence needed for the world of work, addressing the needs of individual students.

## **What to Look Forward To:**

- New and refreshed programmes focused on real-world employer challenges and hands-on skills development.
- Improved ways to track and demonstrate impact, Making it Meaningful whilst helping schools evidence their work in this space.
- More opportunities for short, meaningful work experience tasters alongside our established careers activities.

**Thank you again for your support this year. Everything we achieve is made possible through collaboration with schools and businesses who share our commitment to young people's futures.**

**We look forward to working with you again in the new academic year!**





# LATEST NEWS



**'Such a lovely evening! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and schools we work with at the event. Everyone had such a fantastic time — the atmosphere was full of joy and connection'**

**Samantha Fitzgerald – Director**



**We were very proud to sponsor and present the award for SEND school/team of the year 2024/25!**



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## THE BIG 100!

**KIMBERLEY**  
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE  
a 16-19 STEM college

### Careers Fair | Inspiring 100 Futures!

The Big 100 – Empowering young people to make  
bold, informed choices about their future

**Date:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Time:** 4pm - 7pm

**Location:** Kimberley College  
Green Lane  
Stewartby  
Bedfordshire  
MK43 9LY

To exhibit it's

*Free!*

To sign up, please email: [info@proactiveyoungpeoplecic.co.uk](mailto:info@proactiveyoungpeoplecic.co.uk)

#### Positive Outcomes For Local Businesses:

Talent Pipeline  
Increased Brand Visibility  
Corporate Social Responsibility

Raises Student Aspirations  
Inspires & Motivates  
Strengthens Community Links

**100 Businesses | 1 Big Day | Infinite Possibilities!**



# TEAM NEWS



Nick

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to taking a couple of weeks over the summer to enjoy some quality time with my young children — a chance to recharge before we head into another busy academic year.



Sam

To relieve the stress of a busy term of events and work experience, I decided to inflate the kayak, embrace the sunshine and go for a row around the marina and up the canal! 🛶♀️



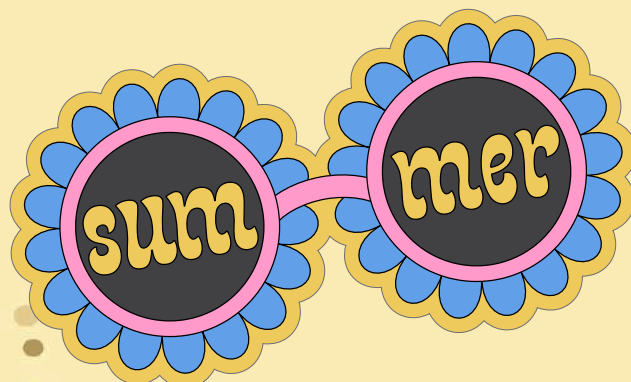
Jan

Enjoyed the sunshine having a few days away in the heatwave in Northumberland recently. Walking along lovely sandy beaches, enjoying a dip in the sea! 🌊



Jen

And then my youngest turned 12! Myla has made it a tradition to go to London for her birthday the past 3 years since she discovered the world of beauty products! A trip to Westfield Shopping Centre with myself and her friend and she was more than happy 🐱♀️





## INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

My name is Chris Brown and I am a chartered engineer specialising in electronics and computing and a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). I am also part of their team of volunteer STEM Ambassadors.

I enjoy various voluntary roles, however I am most active in delivering STEM careers demonstrations and workshops locally around Milton Keynes, and all over the UK.

I have taken part with many events facilitated by the team at Proactive and would recommend that to anyone considering “giving back” some career wisdom.

I have also been a judge in various local and national STEM competitions.

I ask the young people that I engage with if they would like to be part of a project with the potential to save the planet from global warming. I usually get a positive response to that, so I then explain how they can start their careers with that in mind. I have an informal connection to the world changing STEP project ([step.ukaea.uk](http://step.ukaea.uk)), having received some fusion physics training delivered by the UK Atomic Energy Authority and will be delivering workshops on that theme at the Fusion Cafe in Worksop later this year.

I have also invited the STEP team to present an evening update about their newly government funded project later in the year at the IET London events venue in Savoy Place, and anyone can attend that. I typically emphasise the importance of people and communication skills as part of personal development, which are fundamental in any career.

My other interests include ultra running, radio presenting, community welfare and the history of Bletchley Park, where I am a volunteer in their education team.

**I am contactable for STEM opportunities at [christopher.brown@ietvolunteer.org](mailto:christopher.brown@ietvolunteer.org) and also [linkedin.com/in/chris-brown-73071051](https://www.linkedin.com/in/chris-brown-73071051).**



# INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 2025



## ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

### WHAT'S NEW

#### SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENTS' NEXT STEPS:



FIND YOUR FIT TOOL >

The British Army offers flexible career paths for students - whether they're heading to university, work, or exploring options. From Regular to Reserve, Officer to Soldier, there's a role for every ambition.

Students can earn while they learn through apprenticeships, degrees, and professional qualifications, with financial support available via bursaries and scholarships.

#### NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

The Find Your Fit tool helps match strengths and interests to Army roles, making it easier to explore opportunities.

We're also excited to announce an upcoming Surge Week hosted by the Army, taking place from 22nd to 26th September 2025. We warmly invite your school to participate in this action-packed and inspiring week of activities and engagement.

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# INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES



## Open Days!

### **Moulton & Higham Campus**

Saturday 11 October 2025 (9am-1pm)

Saturday 15 November 2025 (9am-1pm)

Saturday 24 January 2026 (9am-1pm)

Saturday 14 March 2026 (9am-12.30pm - not Higham)

Saturday 13 June 2026 (9am-12.30pm)

### **Foundation Learning Event**

Wednesday 26 November 2025 (5-7pm)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (5-7pm)



# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 8

THEME PARK ENTERPRISE  
CHALLENGE EVENT  
MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY  
9TH JUNE 2025



# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 10 & 11

EMPLOYABILITY EVENT

HARRIS ACADEMY

16TH JUNE 2025





# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 7

SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT  
MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY  
25TH JUNE 2025



THE MILTON  
KEYNES  
ACADEMY  
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Education  
Trust*



# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 12

SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT  
KIMBERLEY COLLEGE  
26TH JUNE 2025

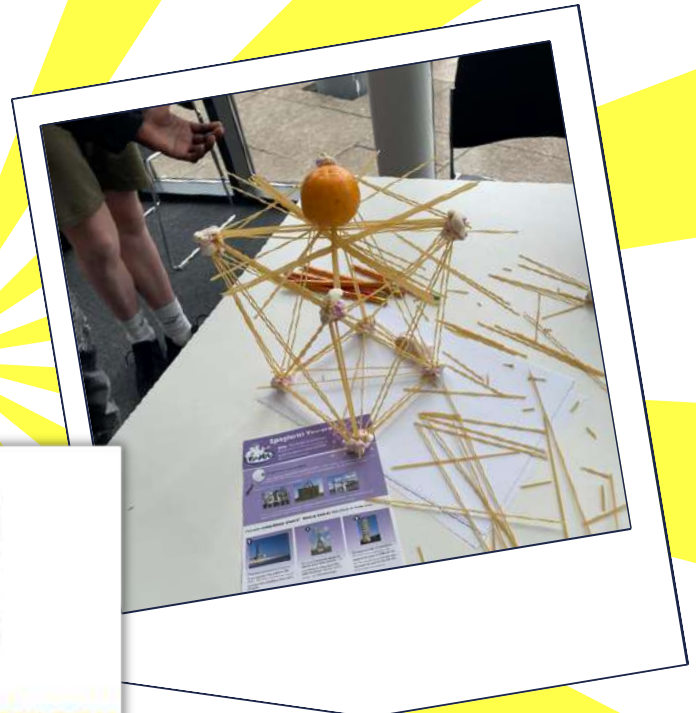
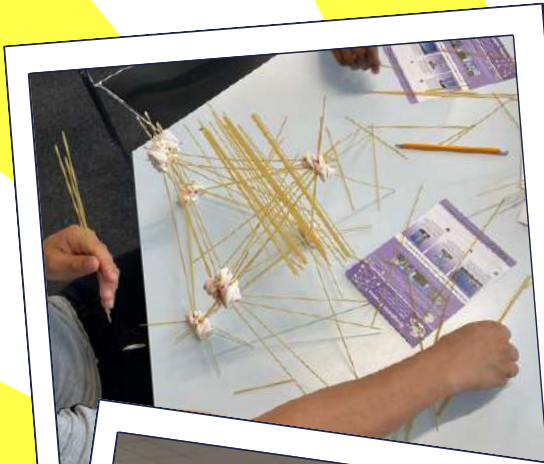




# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 10

EMPLOYERBILITY EVENT  
MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY  
2ND JULY 2025



# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 7

SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT  
THE HAZELEY ACADEMY  
3RD JULY 2025





# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 8

FAWLTY TOWERS  
ENTERPRISE EVENT  
ASH GREEN SCHOOL  
8TH JULY 2025



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SCHOOL  
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# ENTERPRISE EVENTS

YEAR 9

SPEED INTERVIEWING EVENT  
MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY

16TH JULY 2025







# TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Proactive Young People C.I.C.  
have collaborated with:



**1161 AMAZING BUSINESS  
VOLUNTEERS!**



and together we have inspired &  
empowered



**OVER 18,000 FANTASTIC  
STUDENTS ACROSS YEARS 3 TO 13**

**WELL DONE EVERYBODY & THANK YOU  
ALL SO MUCH – WISHING YOU ALL A  
WONDERFUL SUMMER!**



# FEEDBACK

‘The pupils showed a wonderful curiosity about the adult world. Some spoke excitedly about their dreams and what they hope to become, while others were still exploring their interests – and that sense of openness was just as inspiring. Listening to their thoughts, questions, and hopes reminded me of the importance of staying curious and open minded, no matter what our age. I truly enjoyed the experience, and it was a delight meeting them’

**NHS, MK HOSPITAL**

‘Yes, I’d love the opportunity to do this again’

**PERTEMPS RECRUITMENT**

‘I was really impressed – I thought it was really beneficial to the students’

**BRADLEY’S CONSULTANCY**

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‘Thank you to Proactive and Hazeley Academy for giving me this wonderful opportunity and for the certificate of appreciation’

**IQVIA**

‘I enjoyed the event, it was interesting to see the different approaches made by the various teams and the range in outputs.’

**PICK EVERARD**



# EVENTS - WHAT'S COMING UP?

## Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire & Warwickshire

|   |                                |          |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|
| Year 11 Speed Interviewing                              | Shenley Brook End School       | 24.09.25 |
| Year 11 Speed Interviewing                              | The Radcliffe School           | 25.09.25 |
| Year 9, 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Speed Interviewing    | Oakgrove School                | 03.10.25 |
| Year 10 & 11 Beyond Kents Hill Park Fair                | Kents Hill Park School         | 07.10.25 |
| Year 8 Theme Park Enterprise Challenge                  | Magdalen College School        | 08.10.25 |
| Year 12, 13 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Speed Interviewing   | The Radcliffe School           | 09.10.25 |
| Year 8 Skills Safari - Similar to Speed                 | Shenley Brook End School       | 14.10.25 |
| Year 11 Speed Interviewing                              | Hazeley Academy                | 16.10.25 |
| Year 9, 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Speed Interviewing    | Oakgrove School                | 24.10.25 |
| Year 10 & 11 Beyond Wootton Upper Fair                  | Wootton Upper School           | 24.10.25 |
| Year 10 Mock Interviews                                 | Shenley Brook End School       | 04.11.25 |
| Year 12 & 13 Soeed Interviewing                         | Shenley Brook End School       | 06.11.25 |
| Year 10, 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Beyond Magdalen Fair | Magdalen College School        | 12.11.25 |
| Year 10 Speed Interviewing                              | The Radcliffe School           | 18.11.25 |
| Year 9, 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Speed Interviewing    | Oakgrove School                | 21.11.25 |
| Year 10 Mock Interviews                                 | Hazeley Academy                | 27.11.25 |
| Year 5 & 6 Speed Interviewing                           | Kents Hill Park School Primary | 03.12.25 |
| Year 10 CV Support & Mock Interviews                    | Magdalen College School        | 04.12.25 |
| Year 9 Speed Interviewing                               | Kents Hill Park School         | 14.01.26 |
| Year 11 CV Support & Mock Interviews                    | Wootton Upper School           | 20.01.26 |
| Year 9 Enterprise Day - STEM                            | Magdalen College School        | 21.01.26 |
| Year 9 Speed Interviewing                               | Shenley Brook End School       | 26.01.26 |
| Year 8 Speed Interviewing                               | The Radcliffe School           | 27.01.26 |
| Year 9 Speed Interviewing                               | Hazeley Academy                | 30.01.26 |

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#### 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



Social Enterprise UK  
Certified Member



Ofsted  
raising standards  
improving lives



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### SPEED INTERVIEWING



Fun and interactive

Learning from  
work industries

Confidence Building

10%  
OFF

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

### ENTERPRISE DAYS



Learning by doing

Meaningful

Theme Park,  
Farming Challenge





# GATSBY BENCHMARKS

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

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