

WELCOME TO THE NEW PROACTIVE NEWSLETTER FOR SCHOOLS

Proactive Young People Education and Training CIC works in partnership with local schools, colleges, and training providers to provide young people with the career information, advice, and guidance they need to succeed in the world of work.

Our extensive links with local industry enable us to provide outstanding work experience organisation and support for your students, taking the burden from school staff.

Please visit the [Proactive](https://www.proactiveyoungpeople.co.uk) website for full details of how we can help you.

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

by Samantha Fitzgerald

Business volunteers have stepped up to support students at a range of speed interviewing and careers events this term. Proactive has organised successful events at schools including Shenley Brook End School and Hazeley Academy, Milton Keynes.

Thanks to all of our business volunteers. Through them, our young people are given a unique opportunity to speak to their potential future employers, and gain invaluable insight into the world of work.

Many more [events](#) are planned for the summer term. Please contact us if you would like us to organise a careers event at your school.



Images from a speed interviewing event, Hazeley Academy, January 2023.

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WIN! WIN! WIN!

Hidden somewhere in this newsletter is an **Easter egg!** When you find it, [email us](mailto:info@pypcic.co.uk) at info@pypcic.co.uk and tell us where it is located, and you'll be entered into a draw to win a large Easter egg!

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SPEED INTERVIEWS AT SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL, MILTON KEYNES



These images are from a speed interviewing event at Shenley Brook End School, January 2023.

WHAT ARE SPEED INTERVIEWS?

Always popular with students, this is a great activity for all students to meet with 30 – 50 business volunteers from all areas of industry. The students have the chance to ask questions about the various roles and about career progression routes.

By meeting with real-life business people, students gain confidence in dealing with people they meet for the first time in the world of work. They will learn to develop their communication and listening skills.

BRAVING THE SNOW FOR OUR YEAR 9 CAREERS EVENT AT OUSEDALE SCHOOL, OLNEY, MARCH 2023

Our two-day event at Ousedale School went ahead successfully despite the snowy conditions.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Amanda Marlow (pictured in the centre), as one of our guests.



WHAT EMPLOYABILITY EVENTS DO WE RUN?

With the support of 15 to 20 local businesses, we provide mock Interview days to students from Year 7 to Year 13. We work from a 'World of Work' booklet, which is issued to all students.

The booklet sets out the order of the day –

- Team building
- Mock interviews
- CV preparation
- Psychometric testing
- General preparation for the world of work

YEAR 7 CAREERS EVENT AT HAZELEY ACADEMY

by Nicholas Brosnan

It's not all about the Key Stage 4 and 5 students. We also run a range of careers events to prepare students in Key Stage 3 for the world of work.

These pictures are from a highly successful Year 7 speed interviewing event at Hazeley Academy, Milton Keynes.



Enterprising students receive rewards

In each of our partner schools, we have run a prize draw to reward Year 10 and 11 students who have submitted their work experience forms in good time for their placements later this year.

In each school and college, two lucky students each received a £25 Amazon voucher. Some of the winning students are pictured below.



APPRENTICESHIPS

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Hours: 37.5
Start Date: 04/09/23 – tbc



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Milton Keynes College



SMC Apprenticeship Page

Visit the [Proactive](#) website for the latest news about apprenticeship opportunities.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH THE NEW T-LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS

T Levels are a new qualification for students aged 16 to 19 in England who have finished their GCSEs. Each T Level is equivalent to 3 A levels and helps young people develop the knowledge, attitude, and practical skills to thrive in the workplace.

T Level students spend 80% of the course in the classroom, learning the essential skills that your employees need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.

Employer responsibilities

T-LEVELS

Employers need to provide:

- a safe work environment
- opportunities for the student to develop their technical skills within your industry
- a line manager to support, supervise and mentor the student
- an induction which includes explaining relevant policies and procedures
- formal feedback on the student's progress against the agreed learning goals at the end of the placement

Benefits of T Levels: industry placements

T Levels can support employers by offering early access to a talent pipeline for entry-level positions, can help with recruitment, improve innovation and increase an organisation's productivity.

By September 2023, there will be more than 20 T Level courses, covering 11 skill areas.

Within each course, students develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, as well as topics specific to the course and an occupational specialism.

Nigel Robinson - Chief Operating Officer from DMC

Supporting the following T-Level Students: Charlie, Isaac, Kate, Katie, Elliott

INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE NEWS

PROACTIVE MAKES THE NEWS!

Proactive has been making the headlines!
Our work for the students of the local area was recognised by the Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes Chambers of Commerce, with this article featured on the [Northampton Chamber website](#), [Milton Keynes Chamber website](#) and in the [Northampton Chronicle](#).



Not-for-profit organisation 'saves hundreds of threatened work experience placements' for Northamptonshire students

'Giving young people the opportunity of experiencing what it's like to work in a career they want to enter when they leave school is rewarding not only for them but the placement providers as well'



We joined around 200 people from local schools, colleges, and training providers at an event to mark the official launch of the South East Midlands Careers Hub (SEMLEP).

Proactive was proud to be involved in the launch of SEMLEP and to celebrate our shared aim: to generate enthusiasm and raise the aspiration of every young person and their careers through purposeful and high impact careers education.

To find out more about SEMLEP please visit their [website](#).

WORK EXPERIENCE

During the spring term, Proactive has supported students on work experience placements from the following schools:

- 57 students from The Radcliffe School, Milton Keynes;
- 260 students from Shenley Brook End School, Milton Keynes.

The forthcoming summer term is set to be very busy, with students from the following schools on work experience placements (all 1 week unless stated):

- The Milton Keynes Academy: 24th April, Yr 10
- Hazeley Academy Milton Keynes: 15th May, Yr 10
- Kents Hill School, Milton Keynes: 22nd May, Yr 10
- Quinton School, Northampton: 12th June, Yr 10
- Chenderit School, Middleton Cheney: 27th June, Yr 10
- The Radcliffe School, Milton Keynes: 3rd July, Yr 12 (2 weeks)
- Bedford Academy, Bedford: 3rd July, Yr 12
- The Radcliffe School, Milton Keynes: 10th July, Y10
- Magdalen College School, Brackley: 10th July, Yr 10
- Oakgrove, Milton Keynes: 10-19 July, Yr 10
- Silverstone UTC, Northampton: 10th July, Yr 10 & Yr 12
- Wrenn School, Wellingborough: 10th July, Yr 10
- EWS – Milton Keynes and Northampton: 17th July, Yr 10 & Yr 12
- DSLV E-Act Academy, Daventry: 17th July, Yr 10

If you, or someone you know, can help to accommodate a student on any of these dates we would welcome your help. Please get in touch with Samantha

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in numbers

4736

*Individual businesses
offering work placements
in the last 4 school years*

3805

*Number of work
experience students in the
current academic year*

9027

*Enterprise students
supported so far in the
current academic year*



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 3rd May 2023 08.45AM – 12.30PM

**OUSEDALE SCHOOL – NEWPORT PAGNELL -
MILTON KEYNES**

Year 12 Speed Interviewing Event

Tuesday 9th May 2023 08.30AM – 12.30PM

**GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL – GUILSBOROUGH
- NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

Year 10 Mock Interviewing Event

Year 10 CV Workshops

Wednesday 16th May 2023 08.45AM – 12.30PM

**SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL –
MILTON KEYNES**

Year 9 Speed Interviewing Event

Thursday 18th May 2023 08.30AM – 10.00 AM

**GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL – GUILSBOROUGH
- NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

Sixth Form Business Breakfast

Wednesday 23rd May 2023 08.45AM – 12.30PM

**SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL –
MILTON KEYNES**

Year 7 Speed Interviewing Event

Tuesday 11th July 2023 08.30AM – 1.30PM

**GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL – GUILSBOROUGH
- NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

Year 9 Coffee Shop Enterprise Challenge

Check the [Proactive website](#) for full details of all
forthcoming events

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Proactive's events are so successful because of the involvement of local volunteers who give their time and expertise to help our young people to learn about the world of work.

Our forthcoming programme of events includes business breakfasts, enterprise challenges, mock interviews, and our pacy, fun, speed interview events.

We need representatives from employers, employees, and business owners in all career areas.

Supported by Proactive and school staff, you will work with small groups of students to share your experience and expertise about your career path.

Events are informal and fun, and tea, coffee, and pastries are always to hand!

If you, or anyone you know, is free to attend any of the events listed here, or if you can help to provide a work experience placements for a student, please get in touch.

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A Message from Proactive's Manager

I hope you've enjoyed reading our brand new newsletter. Here at PYP HQ the team have been really busy creating opportunities, visiting businesses, delivering school events, networking, auditing, assessing and delivering magic everywhere they go.

We'd urge you, your students and colleagues to follow us on social media – this is the quickest way to get all of the latest details about events you can benefit from.

The website www.pypcic.co.uk is also a great source of information and has sections for business, parents, students and staff.

We're entering our busiest period after Easter, so if you need to secure a date please get in touch as soon as possible:

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