



DYW NEWS

Aberdeen Grammar School Developing the Young Workforce Newsletter

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Marketplace – Skill Development Scotland (SDS)

AGS have been chosen to pilot Marketplace within Aberdeen City council. Further details on how will follow.

What is Marketplace?

SDS are working with Scotland's regional DYW groups to connect businesses with education and help young people broaden their career aspirations.

How it works

Marketplace is an online tool connecting schools and colleges with business. Employers register using Our Skillsforce and start passing on knowledge of their sector through workshops, talks, workplace visits or placements. Schools and colleges use Marketplace to bring industry insight into the classroom. Using the dedicated Marketplace area on My World of Work, teachers search for opportunities posted by employers or use Founders 4 Schools to find and invite local business leaders to an event.

What's available?

Employers can meet young people at a school, college or invite them to their business. The opportunities on offer include:
Skills sessions: Pupils and students learn a range of skills including employability, enterprise and soft skills like tips on how to find and keep a job.
Inspiration events: Bring industries to life. Employers offer site visits to their workplace, deliver workshops on specific jobs or provide young people with a real-life business challenge to solve.

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Why employers should sign up for Marketplace

ourskillsforce.co.uk/marketplace

<p>Help young people by passing on your knowledge</p> 	<p>Inspire young people to work in your sector</p> 	<p>Build links with your local community</p> 
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Ernst & Young Partnership

AGS is currently in the process of setting up a formal partnership with Ernst Young LLP. Which will hopefully start at the beginning of the next session.

Further Details to follow.

<http://ukcareers.ey.com/schools/our-programmes/programmes-for-school-leavers/ey-business-academy/>.

Senior Phase Learner Pathways evening.

All S4 and S5 pupils with their parent/carers were warmly invited our Senior Phase Learner Pathways evening on **Wednesday 1 March 2017**

The key goal of the evening was for our pupils to select the right courses, enjoy learning in the Senior Phase and achieve a strong set of examination results. We restructured the traditional course choice evening to a much more interactive event to aid this process.

Overall the evening was a success and we were supported by the following company's and further & higher education providers:

- Ernst and Young
- Anderson, Anderson and Brown
- ITCA
- Bond Dickinson
- Army
- Royal Navy
- John Clark Motor Group
- Aberdeenshire Council
- Grampian Credit Union
- *Barnardos*
- *Skene Street Dental*
- *EC-OG*
- Skills Development Scotland
- North East Scotland College
- Aberdeen University
- Robert Gordon's University
- Edinburgh University

We also had our 9 subject faculties at AGS and members of staff from them represented and on hand to answer questions about courses on offer and pathways that pupils may follow.

This event had some very positive feedback and has it has been decided to adapt the S3 in to S4 evening to fint in line with this.

"Was a super event so much better than being talked at, This occasion allowed us to choose what we needed to find out for our son"



Young Engineers Club

AGS Young Engineers club have successfully undertaken a Lego Mindstorms Space challenge through Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge EngineeringUK at Dundee & Angus College.

The team performed well and won Best Design part of the competition.

The group have also been working on ACC Project K where they will be giving a presentation on their idea to ACC at Marchel College in June.



Involve Project

All S3 pupils at Aberdeen Grammar School took part in the 'I Built It' project on Wednesday, November 30.

The purpose of the event was to introduce pupils to the construction industry and to consider it as a potential career once they leave school, which fits into the Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) agenda.

Staff from the three main contractors working on the AWPR from Balfour Beatty, Morrison Construction and Carillion led the workshop, working with pupils to help them design and build a new model town. Pupils were split into two main groups – the Dee and the Don – and produced various models to fulfil the brief they were given.

During the day pupils were given two main presentations about the construction industry, highlighting the different routes to gaining employment from apprenticeships and graduate entry. They also highlighted the potential career paths pupils could take.

It is hoped that this years pupils will have the same opportunity and will be adapted to suit the feedback form both Pupils & Staff.

Scottish Contractors Group (SCG) skills event

On the back of the 'I built that' project pupils were given the opportunity to take part in the Scottish Contractors Group (SCG) skills event. Morgan Sindall invited local school students (S3-6) from Aberdeen and the surrounding area to an interactive skills event.

The event commenced with a brief presentations on the construction industry and the widely varying roles within it. They also took part in a virtual 'fly-through' of the new Marischal Square development, interactive construction-based activities, including use of Virtual Reality goggles, as well as a tour around the live site.

Alongside Morgan Sindall, there was representatives from other SCG members as well as *Skills Development Scotland*, *Construction Industry Training Board* and the *Scottish Council for Development and Industry*. Students had the opportunity to speak to these representatives as well as trainees, apprentices, graduates and senior managers in roles such as Engineering, Design, Architecture, and Technology



OPITO Industry Awareness - 12th - 14th June 2017

After a very last minute opportunity for pupils to participate in this year's Industry Awareness Programme on behalf of OPITO. Two pupils (Divyesh Selvaraj Dani Benny) took part and were highly praised for their contribution to the event.

This year's programme had some fantastic companies on board who looked forward to hosting a range of exciting activities for pupils.

Companies such as TOTAL, ConocoPhillips, EnerMech and Aker Solutions signed up to support the programme and have arranged a variety of educational and engaging projects for pupils **aged 16** and over to get involved in.



For further information on DYW please find follow the attached links:

[http://
www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningandteaching/
thecurriculum/dyw/](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningandteaching/thecurriculum/dyw/)

[http://
www.employabilityinscotland.com/developing-young-
workforce/north-east/](http://www.employabilityinscotland.com/developing-young-workforce/north-east/)

The school website also gets updated with all DYW related news on a regular basis.

If anyone has any business link that would be willing to take part in any of the events coming up this year please get in contact.

