

DYW NEWS

Aberdeen Grammar School Developing the Young Workforce Newsletter

February 2018

S3 into S4 Learner Pathways Evening

January 2018

On Thursday 11th January 2018 pupils and parents were warmly invited to our S3 into S4 Learner Pathways evening.

The key goal is for our pupils to enjoy learning in the Senior Phase and achieve a strong set of examination results. Central to this is selecting the right courses in the first place. With this in mind, the event was restructured from the traditional course choice evening to a much more interactive event. Our S3 into S4 Learner Pathways evening allowed pupils and parents to talk with employers, teachers, further and higher education providers and ask any specific questions.

We also had two presentations on the evening one from Ernst Young and the other was a STEM activity called 'People like me' aimed at Girls run by STEM ambassadors.

The World Challenge group who are planning a trip to Sub-Saharan Africa provided teas/coffees/cakes in the dining hall with Music will be provided by AGS pupils.

Artwork from pupils in the Junior Phase was also on display.

Overall the event was very successful with positive feedback from all involved.



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EY and Aberdeen Grammar School aim to inspire with partnership

Inspiring and encouraging young people to consider a variety of pathways into careers in business is on the agenda within an Aberdeen school as big four professional services firm EY enter into a flagship partnership with Aberdeen Grammar School.



Young people at the school will gain insight into the ways they can join EY (via their apprenticeship programme or graduate programme), will have the opportunity apply for the company's summer business academy and will get real life examples of the business world via a curricular link with the school's Business Studies department.

As a collaborative relationship EY will benefit from the opportunities to increase young people's awareness of EY and hope to recruit some of their future apprentices from the school.

Matthew Foster and Alan Martin, from Aberdeen Grammar School said: "We are delighted to work in partnership with EY along with DYW North East. It is also great to see former pupils as apprentices who are contributing to the partnership in delivering presentations to our senior phase pupils, this enables our current pupils to think on different routes available. Feedback from them already suggests that there has been a change in mind-set regarding their future pathways.

"It's also been good to work with EY as they have attended our Learner Pathways events for pupils and parents. We are looking forward to future and continued collaboration with our partners."

Hannah McArdle, Recruitment Advisor at EY said: Aberdeen Grammar is a great school which wants to ensure their students know that there is a range of career options out there. The school is supportive of the Apprenticeship route at EY being a suitable alternative to University. We have seen apprentices in previous years join our programme from this school and it is also in a good location for our business, where we welcome office visits from their students. We look forward to working in partnership with teachers, students and their parents at Aberdeen Grammar school."

Young people at the school have already taken part in a number of activities as part of the partnership, whereby three apprentices from EY presented to S6 pupils at the school to outline an alternative pathway into accountancy from the university route and the business attending the S3 pathways event which was held earlier this week.



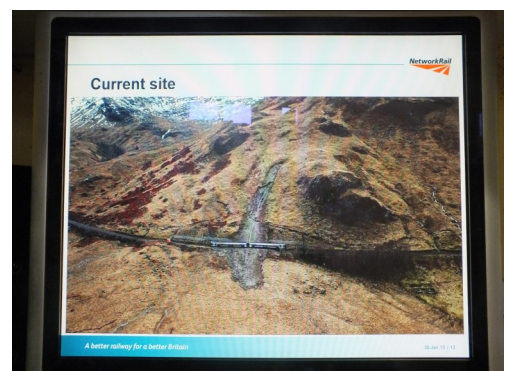
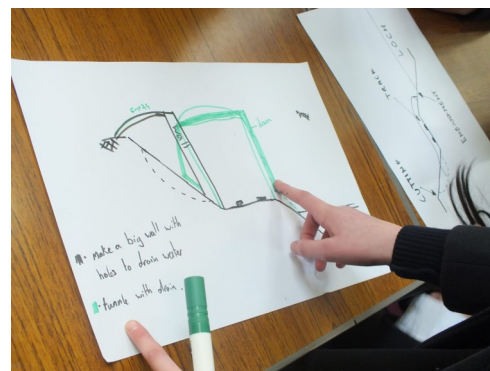
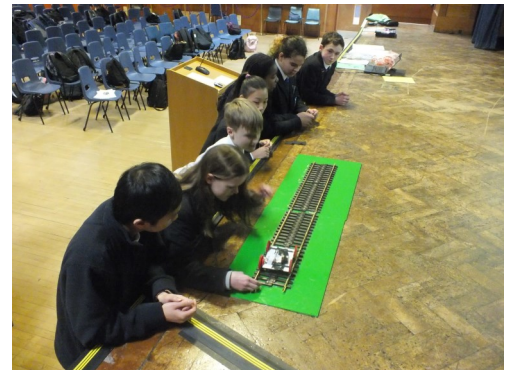
Aberdeen Grammar School pupils with Hannah McArdle and Liam Cheyne of EY, and Matthew Foster and Alan Martin who are the lead teachers for DYW at the school

S2 Network Rail Activity

The whole of the S2 year group took part in a DYW activity with Network Rail on Tuesday the 30th of January P3 & 4. This was run by four of their current graduates. One whom previously attended AGS.

The graduates spoke with the whole of the S6 year group during period one where they gave details of their chosen career pathways and also highlighted the various options from Graduate entry schemes to Apprenticeship schemes offered by Network rail.

Network rail have been looking to geographically expand the work they undertake with schools north of the central belt and have developed a railway themed STEM -in-a-box activity for the S2 year group. The activity highlighted possible career opportunities from apprenticeships to graduate schemes through three challenges. Network rail hope that pupils consider it as a potential career once they leave school.



Opito Energise you Future Event



Now in its 10th year, Energise Your Future (EYF) continues to inspire young people across the UK to find out more about a career in the energy sector. The first EYF of 2018 was held in Aberdeen at Subsea UK's Subsea Expo, providing the opportunity for groups of 13-17 year olds to interact with 12 companies and personnel who helped explain the vast array of roles and routes into the sector.

AGS had seventeen pupils attend this years event with very positive feedback.



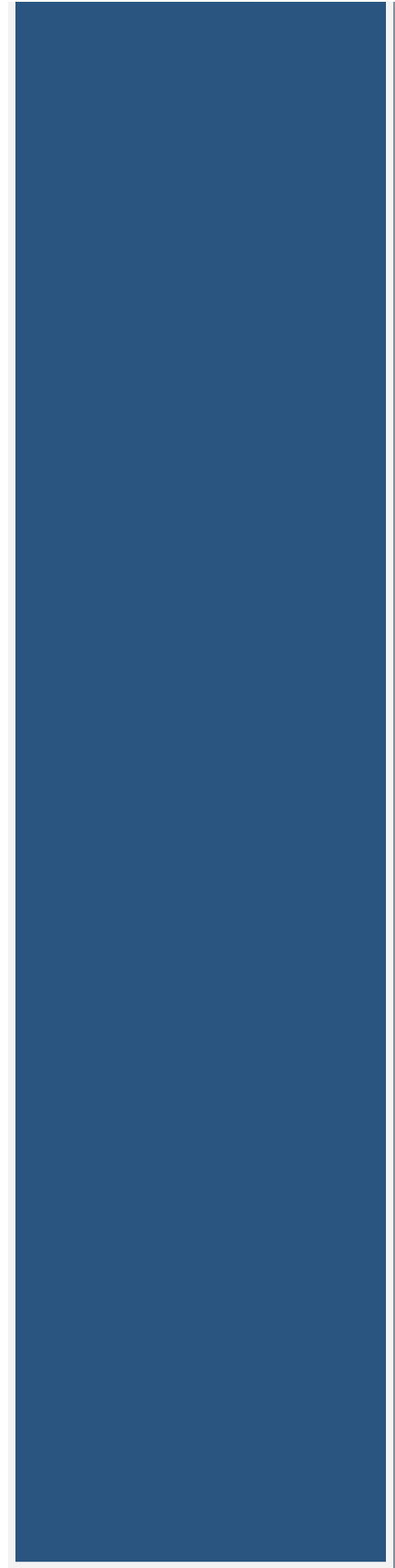
<https://www.opito.com/news-article/next-generation-dive-into-subsea-event-for-career-help>

Work Experience

Two AGS pupils have taken part in a weeks work experience as a Vehicle Technician with Arnold Clark at their workshops in the city at the end of January. This was a pre apprenticeship placement and both pupils got on really well. They are now in the process of applying for an apprenticeship from the experience they had.

Arnold Clark have a variety of vacancies on offer and are now live. All information can be found from the following link and vacancies will run open until Friday 9th of March. All vacancies can now be found on our website below –

<https://www.arnoldclark.com/careers/apprenticeships/>



Thorpe Malloy—Future Aspirations Art Competition

MY FUTURE ASPIRATIONS – Thorpe Molloy Recruitment

“Our unique competition challenges local pupils to convey their career dreams through Art. Contrary to popular belief, they don't want to chase celebrity but have hopes of careers which are full of inspiration.”

Aberdeen Grammar School Art Department were thrilled to have had such success with the annual competition this year.

Thorpe Molloy Recruitment received 155 entries from across the region and were really pleased to advise our pupils that they had done tremendously well once again this year with the judges placing Winnie Kwan, Georgia Kewitz and Donnie Scott in the top 15 entrants – they all received Certificates of Excellence.

These 3 pupils, along with their parents, were invited to receive their certificates at an event hosted at the Oil & Gas Technology Centre on Thursday 8th February 2018.

Also some other exciting news is that Thorpe Molloy have applied to exhibit the My Future Aspirations artworks in the Scottish Parliament building – to showcase the talent, creativity and aspirations of young people from the North East.

Additionally Grampian Hospital Arts Trust has offered the Certificate of Excellence pupils interested in pursuing a career in Art, the opportunity to work with them to curate a sponsored corridor at the hospital.

Donnie Scott also received the surprise of being asked to display his marine biology inspired work (in a specially designed display case) at an upcoming exhibition. His piece has caught the attention of the Director at Greyhope Bay – the planned visitor and exhibition centre at the Torry headland. On 1st March they are opening a unit in Bon Accord Shopping centre for 3 months, establishing their HQ and an exhibition which brings the unique beauty and wildlife of the coastline to life. The organizer would like to include the marine biologist sculpture in the exhibition.

Other students who received awards were Georgina Stewart and Douglas Herrera who achieved Certificates of Commendation and Bianca Buhaciuc, Una Taylor and Anastasia Chasovskaia who achieved Certificates of Achievement.

Well done to all students who took part!

<http://www.thorpemolloy.com/news/2018-02-08-career-ambitions-shine-bright-through-art>



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/
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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.

