

# DYW NEWS

Aberdeen Grammar School Developing the Young Workforce Newsletter

October 2018

### **Industry Awareness**

Three of Aberdeen Grammar Schools senior pupils attended OPITO's Industry Awareness events in June. The event aimed to provide senior school pupils from across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray with an inside look into the innovative world of energy.

Pupils with a vested interest in energy were invited to engage and interact with a host of companies over the three-day event and find out first-hand the opportunities available as well as gain further industry knowledge.

### Background into the event:

OPITO supports the energy industry in the development of a skilled workforce – we develop targeted initiatives and programmes to ensure a sustainable supply of skilled individuals into the industry. By providing young people with an understanding of how the industry works and giving them the opportunity to engage with a range of industry professionals, we can inspire the next generation and ensure that the pipeline of talent continues.







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# **Prefect Training with the British Army**

AGS invited the British Army Outreach team in to help with giving our 110 strong prefect team some valuable team building training.

The pupils had to complete several Team Building and Leadership Sessions.

The Team Building or Resilience workshop is where the Army Outreach team arranged an outdoor session that gave students a taste of the Army team building and problem solving with a wide range of hands-on activities. It's was full of challenging tasks that was hoped developed mental and physical attributes.







# **Key date for your Diary**

- S3 in to S4 Learner Pathways evening 10th January 2019
- S1 DYW Learner Pathways Info Evening 18th January 2019
- S4/5 & S5/6 Learner Pathways evening 27th February 2019
- S3 Skill for Life Week—20th—25th May 2019
- · Launch of Learner Pathways Website—TBC



# **AGS APP**

As well as the website you can keep posted on all thinks DYW through the new School APP.

# Aberdeen Grammar

Our app is now live in the Apple and Google Play Stores. You can keep in touch with our events, news and receive important messages from us!









To download the app scan the QR code above or search 'SSA' or 'SSA secondaryschoolapp' in the Apple or Google Play app stores. Once you've opened the app, just search for 'Aberdeen Grammar' to see our latest events, news and messages.

## **Bonnymuir Community Garden Trust**

Bonnymuir Community Garden trust are looking for ways in which we can collaborate.

The advert for the coffee morning on the 10th November is open to anyone keen to get involved. They would like to encourage some of your volunteering-minded pupils to help on the day or with baking / tombola stall prizes.

More information to follow on how pupils can get involved.





In aid of our Local Charity Partner 18/19

Bonnymuir Green Community Trust

Company Number 575753 Charity Number SC048260



### **Army Work Experience Programme**

S4+ (Age 15+). For pupils keen to find out more about careers in the Army, they offer five-day residential work experiences that focus on developing teamwork and leadership skills, confidence and physical fitness. These can be tailored to fields such as Engineering, Combat, HR, IT and much more. This is a great way for pupils to get a taste of Army life and fully appreciate the wealth of opportunities on offer.

The following dates are available:

04<sup>th</sup> - 08<sup>th</sup> February 2019

See Mr Foster for more information.



### **DYW NE Update**

### Introducing the new team at DYW North East

You may not have been aware but, there have been some changes over the summer in the Developing Young Workforce team in the North East. The new team is now all in place and looking forward to engaging with you all.

The team are:

- Mary Holland, Director of DYWNE
- Martin Johnston Senior School & Business Co-ordinator
- Joan Young School & Business Co-ordinator
- Hannah Duthie School & Business Co-ordinator (Hannah is our AGS link)

You can read more about us on our website <a href="http://www.dyw.org.uk/who-we-are">http://www.dyw.org.uk/who-we-are</a> or by connecting with us on LinkedIn.

As part of the change, DYW NE have now mapped a 'School and Business Coordinator' to every secondary school in Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire. Hannah Duthie will be your point of contact for any help in working with businesses in the region and our main DYW contact in general.



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

### http://

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/ learningandteaching/ thecurriculum/dyw/

#### 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.

