



Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring issue of the Basingstoke Consortium newsletter, which is full of details of new activities we are running.

We are pleased to bring you an exciting programme of events for the Spring and Summer terms: these include the Borough Business Challenge, Meet the Professionals Working Lunches in theatre and retail, and a specially developed environmental challenge in conjunction with Festival Place.

For the first time, too, we are developing bespoke events for a number of our partners, which include the Costello Science and Technology Fair and the Borough's first Language Challenge which will be hosted by Brighton Hill Community College.

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Director

Forthcoming Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date '08</u>
Working for a Future Skills Fair 2008 at FIVE Farnborough	10 Mar
PDP Economic Wellbeing & Financial Capabilities at Viables Craft Centre	11 Mar
Science & Technology Fair at Costello	27 Mar
PDP McDonald's Business Day at Viables Craft Centre	28 April
Work Experience Co-ordinators Meeting at Viables Craft Centre	29 April
Vitacress Business Challenge at QMC	10 July
<u>Coming Soon</u>	
Recycling Challenge at Festival Place	tbc
"Meet the Professionals" Working Lunch* hosted by the Anvil/Haymarket	June 08
"Meet the Professionals" Working Lunch* hosted by Festival Place	tbc
Modern Languages Challenge	July 08

* charges will apply

Basingstoke scoops national award for outstanding achievement in work experience

Duncan Cleary, a Year 10 student at Bishop Challoner RC School, was judged overall winner of the 2007 McDonald's Student Award.

Jane Stewart, Marketing Manager for Festival Place, was Duncan's employer during his work experience and said "He was articulate, confident and interested. All students work on a project during their time with us. Duncan's contribution towards his project was invaluable and we are now planning its implementation."

Duncan was up against a very strong field, and did exceptionally well to be awarded first prize.

He was presented with a top of the range iPod at an Award Ceremony on 3rd December held at the Novotel, London West. As part of his Award overnight accommodation and travel expenses were provided for Duncan and his parents.



Duncan Cleary receiving his award from Jez Longhorn from McDonald's

Photograph by Robert Khoi www.khoi.co.uk & Jay Ryde - www.irydephotography.com

Bridie Stanway, Careers Coordinator, and Evelyn Darling, Work Experience Assistant, at Bishop Challoner School and Jacquie Cowan, Work Experience Coordinator at Basingstoke Consortium, were also invited to attend the Gala Dinner.

Graham Rowlands from McDonald's said "We are delighted to sponsor this very important award as it helps to raise the profile of work experience within our own company and hopefully encourage other employers to support the work experience network."

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14-19 Diploma Update

The last three months have been busy ones for Basingstoke's 14-19 Partnership, with planning well underway to develop delivery models for 2008 and beyond.

Diploma Applications

Basingstoke will learn about the outcome of its diploma applications at the end of March. If successful, the Basingstoke 14-19 Partnership will be delivering five diplomas from 2009:

- Construction and the Built Environment
- Society, Health and Development
- Hair and Beauty
- Hospitality and Catering
- IT

CBE

A well attended Practitioner Day in February gave schools a clear understanding of how they can support the delivery of Basingstoke's CBE diploma.

Options materials have been developed, and any school wishing to learn more should contact the CBE Diploma Champion, Richard Wyithe (richard.wyithe@bcot.ac.uk).

Diploma curriculum support groups

In preparation for diploma delivery in 2008 and beyond, a number of Curriculum Support Groups (CSG) have been set up. These include: Construction and the Built Environment, Society, Health and Development and IT. A preliminary meeting for Hair and Beauty has taken place and a Hospitality and Catering session will shortly be progressed.

The groups meet to focus on: staff development, employer engagement and course planning. For more detail about the schedule of meetings please contact Sue Riley (sue.riley@bas-consort.org.uk).

Wolverhampton 14-19

Members of the Wolverhampton 14-19 Development Team presented good practice examples to senior school and college staff in January, when they spoke about strategies to widen participation, improve choice and create clear pathways to further and higher education and employment.

Following the presentation, colleagues from Basingstoke had the opportunity to undertake 14-19 action planning: sessions focused on timetabling, 14-19 management, VLE and pre-NEET programmes.

Strategic Planning

A review of future diploma applications will shortly get underway as part of the strategic planning for 14-19. Timetabling options for diploma delivery are currently being considered by head teachers.

Area Prospectus

'My Future in Hampshire', the on-line 14-19 prospectus is now live. It contains information on all training and learning opportunities for 14-19 year olds, and can be found at www.myfutureinhampshire.com.

Common Application Process

The Common Application Process (CAP) is currently being piloted in Hampshire, and Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College is engaged in this programme on behalf of Basingstoke.

It is the Government's intention, that all KS3/4 options, and all KS4 post-16 applications will be processed via the CAP in a few years.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT ANY OF THE 14-19 ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT SUE RILEY (sue.riley@bas-consort.org.uk).

Business Mentoring

We are pleased to announce that 21 new business mentors have now been trained and are actively mentoring in schools.

We are arranging another half-day course for new mentors still awaiting training and this will take place in April/May. Places are still available.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Clark Recruitment join the list of businesses now acting as business mentor partners.

If you know any employers that may be interested in joining the Mentoring Programme, or if you would like to learn more about engaging in the programme please contact Jackie Calvert on jackie.calvert@bas-consort.org.uk.



Vitacress Business Challenge 2008

The Year 9 Business Challenge will be held on 10 July at Queen Mary's College and will be set by Vitacress Salads Ltd.

All I can say at this stage is that it **will** be challenging!!!

Please contact Jackie Calvert to register your interest.

Insight into Health and Social Care 2008

A careers fair, especially designed for those interested in working in the health and care sector, was held at Basingstoke College of Technology on 17 January. The event was organised by Basingstoke Consortium on behalf of students in local schools and colleges.



Over 120 school students from six schools attended the event, and took part in practical, interactive activities. BCOT and QMC students also participated and

organised some of the activities on offer, alongside the other exhibitors. These included: North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke Social Services, occupational therapists, midwifery, cardiac care, Connexions and representatives from universities.

Everyone worked hard to make the event a success and feedback from students and teachers has been excellent.

Toni-Lynn Parker from The Vyne Community School said:

"I enjoyed the trip to Bcot and found it very interesting and useful. It was full of new and helpful facts that will help me when I come to doing my coursework. I found that it will also help me choose what type of job I would like to get into as there was a lot of information about child care and NHS careers and things like that I thought that the whole thing was enjoyable and useful."

Thanks to all who attended, and particularly to BCOT and QMC students and staff for all their hard work.

Plans to run this event next year are underway.

Continued Professional Development

Business Studies with McDonald's

Business Studies Teachers and WRL Co-ordinators have the opportunity on **28 April 2008** to gain an insight into how McDonald's business operates. The Business Studies day will cover:

- Marketing
- HR
- Finance

This is a free event and we can reimburse your supply cover costs. Places are limited so if you would like to attend please contact Jackie Calvert on jackie.calvert@bas-consort.org.uk.

"Meet the Professionals" Working Lunch hosted by B&DBC

A group of Year 9 students from Costello Technology College, Bishop Challoner RC School, Aldworth Science College and Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College attended a working lunch hosted by B&DBC on Friday 1 February 2008.



The day started in the Council Chamber with a brief introduction by the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane. The working lunch followed the lines of speed networking where

small groups of students spent ten minutes with council employees from ten different departments including Community Protection, Strategy & Innovation, Planning & Transportation.

Students were able to quiz staff members on a variety of aspects of their work i.e. what kind of skills and qualifications were needed, training opportunities, what they liked/disliked about their job.



Students were very surprised by the diversity of jobs available in the Borough Council.

Many thanks to the Council for hosting the event and providing a very tasty buffet lunch.

Interested in finding out about the variety of jobs that are available in the theatre, from the director to the wardrobe assistant? Then why not come along to

"Meet the Professionals" Working Lunch

**To be hosted by the Anvil/Haymarket
in June 08**

If you are interested in attending please contact Jackie Calvert at the Consortium.

Charges will apply

Building a partnership with Wates

Earlier this term, Wates Construction played host to 15 Year 9 students from Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College. Students visited the company's premises on Basing View to find out about how the construction industry is changing, what it is looking for in its future employees and the varied career paths available. There were presentations on Wates and the construction industry in general. Students found out about prospects and benefits, and had the opportunity to talk with a range of company employees. Students' own construction skills were put to the test, as they had to work in groups and build a free-standing structure – from spaghetti and jelly babies! The event was informative and good fun – and hopefully encouraged students to think about following the new Construction and the Built Environment Diploma, which will be offered in Basingstoke from September 2008.

Work Experience

We have recently had Year 10 students from Aldworth Science College, Dove House and The Vyne Community School go out for their work experience. These placements cover a wealth of employment types and feedback has been very positive this year. As we go to press, Testbourne Community School students have just started their two-week work experience.

Jack, a student from Aldworth Science College, went to BDM Limited, a local engineering company, and their comments were .. "very impressed, Jack mixed well and asked questions about everything sensible He will make a good engineer."

Having a plumb time on work experience

A youngster who wants to become a plumber has had his dreams come true, thanks to local building firm **Kingfisher Building Services LLP** (KBS) who have taken him on for his two week work experience.

Fifteen year old Daniel Dyos, a Year 10 pupil at The Vyne Community School, has been spending two weeks with the plumbers at Kingfisher Building Services, seeing what work they carry out and how they do it, giving him an excellent insight into his chosen career path.



Daniel Dyos with his KBS mentors, Tommy Copeland and Darryl Gillingham

Ed Penny, the Managing Director of Kingfisher Building Services, whose premises are on the Moniton Trading Estate in Basingstoke, said: "I think it is really important that youngsters get a feel for working in the real world and this is our opportunity to give something back." We have another four work experience youngsters booked in to come here over the coming months and are really pleased that we can help out in this way."

Daniel Dyos said: "I've always wanted to be a plumber and to be given the opportunity to do work experience with KBS has been invaluable and given me a real insight into the work of a plumber, it's been really interesting."

We are always looking for more employers to join our programme and would be pleased to hear from any companies who would like further information.

Extended placements

Since April 2007 the Work Experience Team has successfully placed over 30 students into Extended Work Placements. These students attend a work placement with an employer for between one afternoon and two days per week for the duration of Year 11. It is hoped that they will gain valuable experience which will give them a stepping stone into employment.

Employer Work Experience Award 2008

Calling all Year 10 & College Students

Had a good work placement this year? Enjoyed your work experience? Learnt new skills?

During the Autumn term 2008, we are holding an Employer Work Experience Awards evening. We have provided all the school and college Work Experience Co-ordinators with the nomination form to give students the opportunity to nominate a company or an individual employer that made their work experience truly valuable. The student considered to have nominated the best all-round experience will be rewarded with an iPod.

Please contact Julia Knott at the Consortium for more details.

Wanted!!!

Host school needed for Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) event in the 2008 Autumn term. If your school would be interested in hosting such an event, please contact Jackie Calvert.