



Our programmes help you meet The Gatsby Benchmarks. The stamps throughout our newsletter show you which benchmark each initiative addresses.

Welcome to our school/college newsletter

Through our newsletter we aim to keep you updated on our latest developments and offerings. We hope you find the content of interest.

A brief introduction...

As you are probably aware, we are Education Business Partnership (EBP) and we have been designing and delivering engaging ways for businesses and young people to come together for over 25 years.

Each year we work with over 12,000 young people to deliver a wide range of initiatives designed to **build confidence, raise aspirations** and help them to **successfully prepare to enter the world of work**. These initiatives include: **work experience, careers and enterprise activities, skills development workshops/programmes, careers/job fairs and insight days.**

We started 2018/19 with a bang at...

Festival of

Engineering! We were delighted to plan and deliver Festival of Engineering, on behalf of local MP's Richard Benyon (West Berkshire) and Kit Malthouse (North West Hampshire). 400 students came together, with 18 leading edge organisations, at Xtrac Ltd, Thatcham, to celebrate and support the Government's Year of



Engineering. Companies included: **Xtrac Ltd, Thames Water, Dyson Foundation, Highways England, SSE plc, Vodafone, Thatcham Research, Cirrus Logic, The British Army, SMI, Ocado, AWE, Harwell RAL, Westcoast Ltd and Bloodhound SSC.**

“From every perspective the day exceeded my expectations. The excitement felt throughout the space at Xtrac was palpable and everywhere you looked there were students intently engaged with the activities and challenges on offer.”

Richard Benyon, MP



WORK EXPERIENCE



Dr Ger Graus said, “Children can only aspire to become what they know exists” and here at EBP we couldn't agree more!

We take great pride in tailoring placements to individual students via our fully-managed service, which includes school visits, application forms, student interviews and pre-placement checks.

Each year we work with our extensive network of employers to source both pre- and post-16 work experience placements for over 1,000 students from schools and colleges across North Hampshire, West Berkshire and Swindon. The placements we source help young people develop their employability skills while gaining an insight into working life and potential career opportunities.

Call us on **01635 279277** to see how we can support your students!

Cultivate Makes Young Entrepreneurs' Ideas, Reality!

Eight finalists, from local secondary schools were invited to Bayer Headquarters for the Cultivate 2018 grand final. Kira Edwards from Blessed Hugh Faringdon scooped the winning trophy and prize fund of £500.



Our hugely successful programme, Cultivate, is now in its eighth year. It is designed to encourage curious, self-motivated young people, aged 12-19, to take initial business ideas and turn them into a reality.

Kira won the award for her 'Autism Help' app, designed to help support autistic young people and their families. Kira said, "The experience was more challenging than I thought but it made me realise how I could help make such a positive impact for those with a disability. As someone who is autistic, I just want to help others in the same position and I think I can make a big difference. I'm really looking forward to taking the project forward."

A big well done to all the young people who made it to the final, they all did exceptionally well and should be proud of themselves!

What is happening now?



This years competition has already begun and we look forward to sharing more about this with you later in the term.



Over the last two terms, 2,500 students from year 8 & 9 from 16 schools from Swindon through to Reading have had the opportunity to take part in our People like Me workshops, funded by CA Technologies, to find out more about their own attributes and what STEM related field they would be most suited to.

"More sessions are needed like this to raise aspirations and allow students to understand the options available to them."

– **Teacher feedback**

Apprenticeship Insight

Our Apprenticeship Insight workshops help inform young people about the possibilities and opportunities beyond education.

The workshops educate and excite young people about the different career paths available, challenge preconceptions, explore apprenticeships and affordability.

We have successfully designed and delivered workshops for a number of organisations, including a large retail chain – we delivered workshops on their behalf across the Thames Valley, reaching over 500 students!

84% of students increased their knowledge about degree apprenticeships.



Putting the Spotlight on Careers

In partnership with



Following on from last year's success, where we organised and delivered 19 Spotlight on Career workshops for 1600 young people in and around Swindon, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. We are delighted to be able to deliver our workshops to another 10 secondary schools this year, kindly funded by Study Higher, giving students the opportunity to spend time gaining an **insight into a specific business sector** and learning about the **possible career paths** within it.

Spotlights help to open students' eyes to a variety of sector specific jobs and inspire them to be ambitious about future and higher education options. Students leave Spotlight events enthused about potential career opportunities and their future education, which will ultimately open more doors to them in the future.

These workshops designed for students who:

- Are 13—16 years old
- Are undecided about their future career
- Have low aspirations but could achieve much more
- Have an idea about the sector(s) that they are interested in, but need motivating and inspiring to maintain/increase their focus at school in order to achieve their aspirations.

Our first Spotlight for 2019 took place at Reading Girls School, supported by Healthreach, BMW, Metrobank and Ridgeway Rise, focusing on:

Engineering

Dementia care/elderly care (healthcare)

Finance and accounting



Girls in Hi-Tech



This programme is series of hands-on challenges designed to inspire and motivate female students to consider careers within Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and delivered by three different high technology businesses and supported by Ambassadors from these organisations.

It aims to give girls the opportunity to experience the types of roles that are available within these types of organisations and to hear first-hand from female business ambassadors about why careers in these sectors are good.

This year, Year 8 girls, from John O'Gaunt school, have had this amazing opportunity with:

[The Nav People](#)

[Thames Water](#)

[The Rosalind Franklin Institute](#)

"It shows me all the different aspects of STEM and how females have the same choices as males."

- **Student feedback**

[Find out more about our Girls in Hi-Tech programme here](#)

COMING UP...

Hi-Tech Horizons

From September 2019 we will be launching our new Hi-Tech Horizons programme through which we aim to inspire 50,000 students over the next 5 years.



This is an exciting opportunity for state-of-the-art hi-tech companies to come into to your school and inspire and engage with Year 8 and Year 10 before they make option decisions in Year 9 and 11.

If you would like to find out more or register your interest, please get in touch!



Did you know... we also work with Primary Schools.

We can bring STEM activities into primary classrooms and help introduce the importance of soft skills.

Contact us

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our work, please Get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

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