

## A year in DYW

The role of Developing the Young Workforce in Monifieth High School has developed over the past months with our young people having numerous opportunities to gain insight and experience in varied career areas. They have gained career information, advice and guidance in several key areas by talking to employees, attending exhibitions and visiting the workplace.

We are very fortunate to have been selected as an Early Demonstrator school by Skills Development Scotland and the input and support we have had from Avril Addison, our Careers Advisor, has helped to enhance our young people's whole experience of careers guidance in the wider sense. We are indeed indebted to Avril for her continued commitment, tenacity and realistic advice and support for our young people.

As well as having had support from SDS we have been very fortunate to have had willing volunteers who have offered their support in various ways – attending careers days, offering workplace visits, mock interviews and generally helping out with careers-based events in school. We include in this group of partners, parents of current and former pupils, friends and relations of staff members as well as business people I have met at various DYW meetings and conferences and Business Breakfasts held in school.

The following is just an example of some of the opportunities our young people have been fortunate to experience this session.



DC Thomson in partnership with Alliance Trust offered some of our S5 pupils a workshop on Employability and Interview Skills. Two of our pupils then benefitted from a work experience placement in Alliance Trust.

In November S4 pupils attended a careers day in the school. Various workshops included Morrison Town Project, CITB enterprise activity, School to Work programme delivered by Lloyds/Bank of Scotland and a speed networking event where pupils visited a variety of career specialists for a 10 minute question and answer session. This was very well supported by our partners – a total of 42 visitors in school that day! (Breakfast and lunch was prepared and served by our S4 Hospitality class.)





A visit to 'Discovering Digital World' gave our young people an insight into a variety of career opportunities as well as allowing them the chance to speak directly to local employers and employees. The hands-on experience was fun and informative. As well as being fed and watered our young people left with a Raspberry Pi and keyboard – who knows we may have a future digital inventor in our midst!

Young chemists at BBI, Dundee



S3 STEM day delivered by Royal Marines



S5 pupils visit Weir Group plant in Alloa.



S4 pupils at Army Information day in Dundee



S4 pupils use their practical, team-working and problem-solving skills to construct a giant tetrahedron. This activity was facilitated by Mel Shepherd from CITB.





Dundee and Angus College hosted a girls only STEM day where the girls took part in engineering type activities and group work.

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Some of the other activities during the year include:

Careers talks from Angus Training Group, Axis Shield, RAF, Army, OPITO (oil and gas industry), CITB (Construction Industry Training Board), Angus Council

Royal Marines health outreach team visited the school to deliver lessons in the PE and HE departments.

Visit to Glaxo Smith Kline in Montrose – pupils had opportunity to have hands on experience as well as a mock interview and CV advice.

Engineering talk to the new Engineering Science class – delivered by a STEM ambassador.

STEM ambassadors will run an engineering project during the month of June.

Visit to the Forth Replacement Crossing exhibition.

Employability lessons delivered to a group of S4 pupils which culminated in mock interviews with members of Monifieth Rotary Club.

PT DYW and careers advisor are supporting our feeder primaries in their careers events.

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Finally as we look towards next session focus will be on maintaining and building on the business partnerships forged this year. Pupils will continue to be given the opportunity to first-hand experience the world of work and be supported in developing their own career paths. Careers information and guidance will begin to be embedded in curricula and the DYW team will continue to work together to give our young people the best possible chances to make informed decisions about their future careers.