



Careers & Enterprise

THANK YOU to all our business partners



Northampton Academy leads the way in the programme of Career and Enterprise opportunities. This term, there has been a wealth of activities, events and achievements which is celebrated in this dedicated newsletter. Students have been given fantastic opportunities to enhance their personal development skills and take part in a range of experiences which will help them to make life choices for the future and build on a range of skills, for university, employment and training. Visit our Careers and Enterprise section on the Academy website for useful resources.

We were very proud to welcome MP Sam Gyimah, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Childcare and Education to Northampton Academy in October with Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership, The Careers and Enterprise Company, local Councillor and local business leaders who have played a part in the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership Programme (which we have been part of for the last 18 months).

The MP praised Northampton Academy's Careers and Enterprise Team's work.

Mr Gyimah said: "I was delighted to visit Northampton Academy to hear about how businesses, schools, the Local Enterprise Partnership and Enterprise Advisers are coming together to connect the world of work with the world of education."

"It was clear from speaking to the students that this is helping them understand the opportunities which are out there, and how they can make the most of them, and as a Government we are committed to ensuring this good practice continues to spread throughout the country."



The story was covered in the local press and on BBC Radio Northampton, with two of our Enterprise Ambassadors Reace and Fikayo providing the 'student voice' and praising the skills based programme PixL Edge which you can read more about in this newsletter.



Building a partnership with



Northampton Academy is very pleased to announce their partnership with Travis Perkins and NEP as a partner school. Enterprise Ambassadors met with Andy Garrett, IT Business Partner at Travis Perkins on Tuesday 8th December to discuss their careers and enterprise experiences at the Academy and find out more about the Travis Perkins business and how the mutual partnership will work.

NATIONAL ENTERPRISE Challenge



Most Enterprising Teacher 2015: Mrs Betty



Most Enterprising KS3 Boy: Rudra Patel

On 5th October, Mrs Betty and Enterprise Ambassadors were invited to launch The National Enterprise Challenge (TNEC) 2016 at the Houses of Parliament with Theo Pathitis and former Shadow Education Secretary, Tristram Hunt.

Mrs Betty delivered a presentation on the schools view of the challenge and accepted the award of 'Most Enterprising Teacher 2015'. She accepted the award on behalf of all the Enterprising students from Northampton Academy, stating they are within the 16% of students identified by the Careers and Enterprise Company as having the enterprising skills needed in today's challenging world.



At the 2015 National Finals day at Alton Towers this Summer, the Year 8 and Year 10 teams from Northampton Academy did exceptionally well. The Year 10 delivered a fantastic presentation on their 'Worlds End Ride' which put them in 2nd place, competing against over 30,000 students from across the country. Rudra Patel took the title of 'Most Enterprising Boy- Key Stage 3'.

The 2016 Challenge

In October the new challenges were set for 2016 over a two day workshop. The Year 8 challenge was to come up with an outdoor learning activity and Year 10 had to come up with a school based business. The two teams will go onto the finals at Kingswood Activity Centre in the Summer.

Year 10 Team
2015



Year 8 Team
2015

Northampton Academy has been a part of The National Enterprise Challenge since it launched in 2013. The challenge was started by two cousins Michael and Ben Dyer whose motivation for the project was to inspire the next generation to improve their enterprise and employability skills. They formed the Youth Enterprise Community Interest Company (CIC) and the flagship TNEC with Lord Sugar fronting the project and initially working with 58 schools nationwide in the first year.



2016 Year 8 Team



2016 Year 10 Team

anglianwater



Anglian Water have been working with Northampton Academy on a generational diversity project. Maddie, Bolanle and Alisha had the opportunity to present a humorous skit and make a tech-savvy video about 'Generation Z' with Anglian Water's CEO. To keep everyone involved Bolanle asked for selfies with all the company leaders and the conference.. They were a credit to Northampton Academy.



The PixL Edge

Northampton Academy students have the EDGE



Reace and Fikayo are Northampton Academy's PixL Edge Ambassadors. They were invited to London to the launch following their promotion of the employability skills programme to MP Sam Gyimah when he visited the Academy. We are now a PixL Edge Leading School. Year 10 and 11 students complete the employability based skills based programme.

02 help our Year 9 students



Four groups of Year 9 students attended a workshop at the end of the Summer Term with an O2 Project Leader to help with their plans to apply for a grant of £300 to bring their community projects alive. The aim of **Think Big** is to inspire, support and enable young people to use their ideas to have an impact on the community, whilst incorporating digital elements.

Becky from **Reelscape Community** also joined the workshop and provided details about how Northampton Academy students can get involved with promoting film locations in Northamptonshire. Some Sixth Form students have worked with

Reelscape to produce their own film from the set they have created at Weston Favell.

Congratulations to Becky and Reelscape on their Community Engagement Award for their work in the Movie Hub at Weston Favell which our students are proud to have been a part of.



Congratulations to our Sixth Form students who have been awarded the National Citizen Service School Champion Award 2015/2016. They have completed over 800 hours of voluntary work between them.

Enterprise Ambassadors 2015-2016

Northampton Academy has a team of 40 plus Enterprise Ambassadors from Year 12 and 13. These inspiring young adults work with the Enterprise department and younger years to develop the key skills required in the world of work. Many Year 11 students have now completed the apprentice grade of PixL Edge.



Cradle to Career

Year 8 students visited Northampton College for a day of career related workshops.

They go involved in catering, woodwork, health and beauty and challenged gender stereotypical roles.

STEM and Northampton Academy Alumni



Network Rail visited Northampton Academy in October to promote their national competition to our Year 12 and 13 girls. They provided information on careers in IT and as part of this promoted the competition, with the prize to win £9,000 of university fees for a course of the students choice. **The Could it be you?** Is about helping young women to understand the opportunities available in IT and show how much

women and IT have to offer.



The website www.coulditbu.co.uk has more information.



Northampton University—Year 7 winning STEM team



IT—Girls Allowed with Barclaycard

Year 9 girls challenged stereotypical roles at Barclaycard with John Moores University. The girls got involved with programming robots and their challenge was to come up with an idea using technology that would benefit students. Congratulations to Simone Faulkner for winning a tablet in a close run final.



Year 7 Market Penguin Enterprise

Activity  barclaycard

Year 7 had the opportunity to work with Barclaycard on an enterprise day, working in teams to produce their marketing strategy business plan and make their penguins—whilst also trying to make a profit! Congratulations to the two teams that won the challenge from each session and thank you to our visitors and judges, Barclaycard.



Calling all former students of Northampton Academy



JOIN OUR GROWING ALUMNI NETWORK TODAY

JOIN TODAY: www.futurefirst.org.uk

Northampton Academy has joined with Future First to build their Alumni network, inviting former students to join by providing a few details about their career path since leaving the Academy. Registering only takes a few minutes from the Future First website and search for Northampton

Academy: www.futurefirst.org.uk We will be inviting back our Alumni to provide valuable and inspirational advice to our current students.

Parents—how you can help? We are always keen to build industry and employer links. Does the company you work for support Careers events? We run a number of events each year and value the advice and guidance industry volunteers can offer. Please register your interest by e-mailing careersadvice@northampton-academy.org and we will contact you with details of future events.

U-Explore—Students can use the Career Programme U-Explore. This can also be used at home, registering with the code **27226**.

Pixl Edge—This is a system for recognising the key enterprise skills employers are looking for. Year 11 students require it as an entry criteria for the Sixth Form. The majority have now completed the Apprentice grade and have moved onto Graduate level. Please encourage your Year 11 students to log on at home and register their activities.