

Our First Premium Partners Newsletter!!!!

A massive thank you to all the local employers getting involved in the early stages of the Premium Partners programme.

Recent Premium Partner Events

Business Breakfast 26.09.17

The September Premium Partners networking breakfast was held in the Cresswell Theatre at an earlier start time—7.45am. A normal start time for many employers but a big ask for some students to be at school, switched on and ready to engage with local businesses/organisations! Despite the early start there was excellent attendance with over twenty Sixth formers present, some even arriving at 7.30am to help with co-ordination! The change of structure/venue meant employers were able to network prior to the arrival of the students aiding development of their business contacts.

On arrival of the students a brief introduction from all employers/organisations was given followed by an opportunity to speak with them directly about their organisation, role and career paths. Many interesting conversations regarding career choices, pathways and even work experience opportunities were had.

The theme of the breakfast was 'Self-Employment' and all attendees were given the pleasure of hearing from **John Williams, CEO of Absolutely PC** about his experiences and the inspirational story of starting up his own business.

Quotes from the event were—*'The event gave me the chance to meet students and others from different fields and also a feeling like I am helping young people'*—local employer; *'I enjoyed the variety of employers & the useful & practical advice on self-employment', 'the guy we were talking*

to on our table was able to give us really helpful careers advice, even though I had no interest in his line of work!' - BCCS students.

Apprenticeship & Labour Market Information evening 18.09.17

Students and Parents were welcomed to an information event to shed a little more light on the world of Apprenticeships. Over 90 guests attended to hear talks about the local labour market for the South-West region and Apprenticeships across all levels. Seven local Apprenticeship providers were also in attendance and on-hand to answer specific questions from both students and parents.

During the event it became clear that Apprenticeships exist to suit all, and that an Apprenticeship can be a serious alternative to College or University. It was also clear that both parents and students were not aware of what is involved in an Apprenticeship and the full opportunities available in the South West region. Further information about Apprenticeships and local providers can be found at the following websites:

<http://amazingapprenticeships.com>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-parents-guide-to-apprenticeships>
<http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>
<https://www.careersnearhere.com/>

Business Breakfast 29.06.17

The first Premium Partners networking breakfast was launched in the Cresswell Café with a theme of 'The Voluntary Sector'. The event was well attended with over 45 students and local employers/organisations in attendance. Students used this opportunity to develop networking skills as well as discovering more about local employers. Two interesting, funny and inspirational talks regarding the voluntary sector were given from **Steve Sayers, Windmill Hill**

City Farm and Sandy Hore-Ruthven, Creative Youth Network. The experience created a definite buzz for our students with all feedback stating more such opportunities are needed to support employability skills.

Two student quotes from the event were *'The talks from the volunteering sector were inspiring - I didn't realise so many opportunities were available', 'I really enjoyed the ability to connect and network with people and organisations who I wouldn't normally get the chance to interact with—please can we do more of this?'*

Upcoming Events

Pop-up workshop, 1.11.17, 12.35pm

Business Networking Breakfast, 7.11.17, 7.45am

Science Careers Fair, 14.11.17, 17.30pm

Staff, students and parents are welcome to attend the Premium Partners events. Please see the Premium Partners website for further details of upcoming events.

Please contact Paul Mann, Director of Cathedral Schools Trust Premium Partners (see below for contact details), if you are interested in attending or have any questions about how you can support the aims of Premium Partners across the Trust.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st November

Pop-up Workshop—12.35pm Cresswell Theatre

Tuesday 7th November

Business Networking Breakfast - 7.45am Cresswell Theatre

Tuesday 14th November

Science Careers Fair - 17.30pm Cresswell Theatre & Cafe

Premium Partners Scheme information



What is Cathedral Schools Trust Premium Partners?

At Cathedral Schools Trust, we firmly believe that Partnership is the way forward, whether it is with other schools, the community, or local businesses. In January 2017 the CST Premium Partners scheme was born, with the aim of developing a programme that would not only encourage the corporate world and education to forge strong and long-lasting ties, but also offer companies involved a platform on which to advertise their business as well as

providing opportunities to network and become an integral part of the school.

We often hear business leaders claim that young people are not prepared for the work place and that schools are not equipping them with the skills they desperately need. We believe that schools can not be expected to address this alone and that businesses have an integral role to play in the education of young people in the UK.

We believe that schools and businesses need to work hand in hand to:

- Offer the best opportunities for our students
- Ensure businesses get the employees needed
- Enrich the curriculum
- Inspire
- Raise aspirations
- Ensure communities thrive

Cathedral School Trust Premium Partners provides a way to do this successfully.

Since its launch a number of events have taken place and new opportunities with local employers/organisations have been identified. With our belief that schools should provide a 'Whole Education' for their students, the Premium Partners scheme provides an invaluable way for students to gain employability skills, high quality work experience and careers advice.

We are continuously looking at ways to improve the scheme and develop our partnerships with local employers. If you would like to find out more about the CST Premium Partners scheme, or to get involved, please go to the website—www.cathedraltrust-premium-partners.co.uk, or contact Paul Mann, Director of the scheme, on 0117 353 5000 (ext 5020).

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BRACE is a dementia research charity. It raises funds and awards grants to teams of scientists and clinicians in universities around South West England and South Wales. Its aim is to help achieve a world free from the fear of dementia.

Founded in Bristol in 1987, BRACE originally saw itself simply as a fundraising charity for the Dementia Research Group at the University of Bristol. After 2006, it developed a regional role and now supports dementia research at seven universities. It remains locally rooted, however, with its small staff team based at Southmead Hospital.

Central among BRACE's achievements have been helping to create and sustain the South West Dementia Brain Bank and the Bristol Brain Centre. Both are essential resources for research around the region and beyond, and the Brain Centre is also an NHS clinic.

Most of the projects BRACE funds are pilot projects and PhD research. These generally lead to further research, including a current drug trial into an existing blood pressure treatment that could help slow the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

BRACE is looking for support from businesses and community groups, including adoption as Charity of the Year. As the charity says, 'Together we will defeat dementia'.

www.alzheimers-brace.org



'A place where people grow'

Windmill Hill City Farm is a charity based in Bedminster. It improves the lives of local people through the services and facilities that it offers. Facilities include a farm and gardens, rooms to hire and a café. Services include childcare, adult health & social care, education, courses and volunteering. It was established in 1976 by members of the local community and continues to put community action at its heart.

Windmill Hill City Farm provides a great array of facilities for the local community – and most of them are free to visit. The site is open seven days a week and all public areas are fully accessible, though some of the paths can be a bit muddy when it's wet. The visitor centre is staffed Monday to Friday and can provide all the information you need about using the site

Windmill Hill City Farm aims to improve the lives of local people through its services and facilities. It runs activities for people with health and social care needs, gives opportunities for personal development through courses and volunteering and hosts other organisations with similar aims and services.

www.windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk