

Cathedral Schools Trust Premium Partners Newsletter

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Recent Premium Partner Events

Business Breakfast 07.11.17

The November Premium Partners networking breakfast was our best attended yet — twenty five sixth formers and nineteen local employers/organisations were in attendance.

The theme of the breakfast this time was Law & Accountancy. Attendees heard from Robin Rajanah (Veale Wasbrough Vizard) about a career in law and Jamie Eddy (Dunkley's Chartered Accountants) regarding Accountancy. A number of local employers representing the two professions were also present including Osborne Clarke, Danone, NatWest and ICAEW, amongst others.



Students were given an excellent opportunity to find out about entry routes, careers paths and challenge some of the stereotypes of the Accountancy and Law professions. Students and employers spoke directly with one another and many interesting conversations regarding career choices, pathways and work experience opportunities were had.

Quotes from the event were—*'I was very impressed with the academic fo-*

cus of the young people. The mix of business attendees was also good'; 'I liked the chance to offer advice to the next generation' —local employers.

'I really enjoyed finding out about the variety of different jobs that people have in the real world'; 'I really wanted to study law in the future and finding out the inside track has helped in my next steps.' - BCCS students.

Careers Fair—Focus on Science 14.11.17

Both students and parents were welcomed to a careers event to identify possible future job opportunities and pathways within the Science sector. The event was opened up to schools across Bristol which resulted in just over 120 guests descending upon the Creswell Theatre and Café to discover more.

Those attending were given the chance to hear two talks from eight specialist speakers, with topics ranging from 'Can Sugars Cure Cancer?' to 'Forensic Science & Future Opportunities'. Twenty five different employers/organisations were also available in the Creswell Café to offer information and guidance about future careers across



this sector.

Quotes from the event were—*'I have not known what I want to do until now—I have found the perfect job for me!' - BCCS student; 'The talk on Biology & More was fab—it really made me consider there is more to biology beyond studying it at degree level' - RGS student.*

A big thank you must be given to Emma Tate (www.careersnearhere.com) who helped co-ordinate external employers at the event and to all employers/organisations that gave up their evening to attend.

West of England Mentoring

BCCS have been successful in gaining a place on the West of England mentoring programme. Fifteen students from Years 9 & 10 will be involved in the pilot programme starting in January 2018. The WEM programme is a tried and tested group mentoring programme where mentors support and advise students as they work through a range of activities within small groups. The programme runs across six sessions over a twelve week period and will focus on improving key employability/interpersonal skills including communication and self-confidence. The programme also imparts knowledge of work-place skills and employability opportunities as well as future pathways. It aims to inspire and motivate students and raise aspirations. All activities within the programme encourage students to set goals and work out pathways to achieving them.

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MENTORING

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16th January
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Words for Work 16+ Programme commences
CV Workshop—5pm, Creswell Theatre
Business Networking Breakfast - 7.45am Creswell Theatre

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BCCS has been partnered with a local company, Foot Anstey, who will support the programme by providing adult mentors. The mentors have all been trained and will be supported throughout by the WEM Project Manager. All sessions are held at the Foot Anstey offices and will take place during the school day.

FootAnstey

PwC Webinar

Ten sixth form students volunteered to give up their evening to hear from PwC employees when they attended a Webinar hosted in the Cresswell Theatre.



The webinar showcased different entry routes into PwC including traditional degree and new apprenticeship schemes. Students were able to listen and pose questions to real employees many of which had only just entered this company on one of these varied pathways.

Slides from this session have been made available to students and an audio recording is also available.

Pathway CTM

Pathway CTM (Careers, Training & Mentoring) is an exciting employability programme which BCCS has introduced to help sixth formers make the best choices after finishing school. Pathway CTM offers personalised careers information by sending direct information about Apprenticeships, school leavers courses, WEX opportunities and other employer events in the local area that are tailored to student preferences. Pathway CTM also runs employability and business insight days which provide an opportunity for students to meet employees from local businesses and develop employability skills further.

If not already signed up students should register at the Pathway CTM [website](#) and complete a five minute survey. This is an excellent careers service and the best thing is its FREE! The deadline for registration is **31st December**—please don't miss this opportunity.

PATHWAY
Careers Training & Mentoring

As part of the National Literacy Trust the Words for Work programme challenges inequality in employment opportunities for young people by providing students with the skills they need to be successful in the workplace. The Words for Work programme consists



of five workshops that focus on improving young people's confidence and ability to raise career aspirations. Students are mentored by volunteers from local businesses to transfer knowledge from the workplace into the classroom. Students will participate in skills-building activities, such as preparing for interviews, active listening, and delivering effective presentations with clarity. The programme also includes an immersion day at a local business.

Post 16 students interested in being involved in the Words for Work programme should contact Mr Mann directly.

Into University

Into University is a local charity that offers free workshops to support under-represented students in their applications for University. Post 16 students meeting the set criteria

Words for Works

Starting in **January 2018** BCCS will take part in the Words for Work 16+ Programme.

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..... ([Into University criteria](#)) and interested in any of the available work-shops please get in contact with Mr Mann to find out more.

Call to Action – can you support the CST Premium Partners scheme?

Workplace Experiences

Are you a local employer/organisation able to offer an experience of the workplace for BCCS students? The Gatsby report suggests that every student should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and work experience so they can explore career opportunities fully.

BCCS have a number of outstanding Year 11/Post 16 students who are actively seeking out interesting work place experience opportunities across a number of careers/professions. If you are a business owner/decision maker and able to offer such an opportunity we would like to hear from you.

Linking Business to the Curriculum

There is no doubt that students feel more engaged in their learning when they perceive the relevance of what they are studying to their own and other peoples lives.

CST Premium Partners are looking to identify local businesses/organisations that would be interested in forming a strategic alliance to design, create and implement problem-based challenges that can be embedded into our curriculum. We have a number of departments eager to work with real businesses in strengthening the delivery of their curriculum.

If you would like to find out more about how your business could support our curriculum please get in touch.

Football Kit — Sponsorship Opportunity

I have been informed by Mr Baynton, lead coach of boys football, that the BCCS first team is in desperate need of a new football strip for the upcoming season. We would very much like to hear from any local businesses/organisations that might be interested in supporting the team with the purchase of a kit in return for exclusive sponsorship.

Reminder

Staff, students and parents are welcome to attend the CST 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.

And finally

Wishing all our
Level 1 - 3 partners and supporters of the Premium Partners programme to date a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018!



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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 a vital 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), email; premiumpartners@cathedralschoolstrust.org

CST Premium Partners



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will offer an opportunity to hear in more detail from our Level 1-3 Partners and learn about their organisation and ambitions.



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



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