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Education and Enterprise@Nailsea launched at Nailsea School

In December Nailsea School launched their exciting new Education and Enterprise@Nailsea Network. The scheme aims to bring Nailsea School together with local businesses and the local community so that together they can help Nailsea School students become ready for life after school.

The very first "Business Breakfast" took place on Friday 2nd December where a host of local businesses and organisations were welcomed through the doors of the school. Headteacher, Dee Elliott, explained the scheme to those attending and then there was the opportunity for those in attendance to network over some coffee and a bacon sandwich provided by the school catering team.

Nailsea School are incredibly keen to develop links with local companies who can help students at the school develop their skills in preparation for the world of work.

Julie Baldwin, Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance at the school, believes that the link between local industry, the community and school is vital in making sure that young people are ready for the future workplace which will look considerably different from the workplace that currently exists. "The only way that we can make sure that our students are up-skilled to be adaptable and resilient in an ever-changing working environment is to give them as many opportunities as possible to interact with and experience real businesses and industries. Learning why their studies at school are relevant to any future career creates a reason and a desire to continue learning that we hope will continue long after they have left Nailsea School."

Not only does the network provide a wealth of opportunities for Nailsea School students, it also enables businesses within the local community to demonstrate their corporate responsibility and give something back, whilst helping their own staff to develop skills that should prove to be invaluable in the workplace.

Businesses choosing to take part in the scheme can get involved at the level that they feel is appropriate for their business. There are a variety of ways to help the school whether this is financially or by sharing expertise, knowledge and experience with students, staff and governors.

The next networking opportunity will take place on Thursday 23rd February. The focus for this networking session will be developing work-based learning at the school. Staff at the school are interested in developing a number of exciting projects that local organisations and businesses can get involved with, such as a mentoring programme, curriculum links with the workplace, a regular rolling programme of careers talks and exploring digital learning within the classroom.

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