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YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP IMPACT REPORT

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OUR ETHOS

Our ethos is to ensure that all learners are given parity of opportunity for their chosen career pathway. We encourage learners, regardless of academic ability, to never stop trying as with determination and persistence they can accomplish remarkable things. We ask them to see any barriers they face as opportunities to grow, develop new skills, and gain more experience. Failure is a natural part of success, so they should use the opportunities offered at college to experiment and test their problem-solving skills.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to embed entrepreneurial education into lessons across the curriculum, so every student can explore and develop the skills required to be an entrepreneur or to become self-employed. We have developed a team of staff who have helped to champion the enterprise agenda within their departments. In total, 28 staff from Science, Business Studies, Computer Science, Health and Social Care, Sport, Media, Art, Music, and Criminology have encouraged their learners to engage in enterprising activities and take part in the entrepreneurial opportunities offered by the College.

OUR PROVISION

The Launchpad is the new in-house Employment and Enterprise Bureau at St David's Catholic College. The Launchpad offers a variety of opportunities for learners looking at employment, self-employment, and training after leaving College. Our goal is to deliver a range of opportunities which 'Enable, Engage, Empower and Equip' learners, so they can make informed choices about the variety of pathways available to them after college.



SUPPORT HAS BEEN OFFERED THROUGH A BLEND OF CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

1-2-1 support from our Enterprise champion.

Mentoring in the form of a monthly surgery from our Big Ideas Wales Business Advisor.

Role Models who deliver inspirational talks to a variety of learners.

Fairs & Markets have given learners the opportunity to test their trade ideas.

Skills Competitions helped learners develop skills and encourage entrepreneurial thinking.

Enterprise Club where learners can meet and chat about their ideas with other learners.

With the support of funding from the Welsh Government, we have been able to build on and improve our enterprise provision. The key to this has been the appointment of a dedicated Enterprise Officer. Sandra Brewster works directly with learners and staff to facilitate the activities that have taken place in the College over the last academic year.

She can be contacted by email at: sbrewster@stdavidscollege.ac.uk

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

ENABLE:

28

members of staff promoted entrepreneurial learning within their departments.

ENGAGE:

2440

learners took part in 'Engage' activities which promoted entrepreneurship.

EMPOWER:

442

learners took part in 'Empower' activities which gave them opportunities to improve their entrepreneurial skills including Insight Days, workshops and test trade events.

EQUIP:

9

learners took positive steps towards self-employment by receiving business mentoring.

2

learners have started their own business.

2

learners have gone on to Higher Education to gain further skills to start their own business after university.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Key Enterprise Events - This Year

Enterprise Engineering Workshop

Ex-student Jessica Leigh Jones MBE gave a workshop which explored entrepreneurship, enterprise and intrapreneurship as well as enhancing commercial awareness within the engineering sector. The feedback from learners was positive including comments such as "I enjoyed the fact we got to share our ideas about a certain business problem," and "my key takeaway was the fact that every detail in running a business is key to making it successful."



Global Entrepreneurship Week

Learners from our 'Start Up' Enterprise Club attended a networking lunch with some of the Big Ideas Wales Role Models to discuss their own business ideas and meet and share ideas with other like-minded learners.



Inspiring Skills Competition

Learners Keira, Harry, Elizabeth, Leia, and Mutale took part in the Skills Competition Wales Enterprise competition in Coleg Sir Gar, Llanelli. They had to produce an idea for a pop-up business which they would run from the College, and then present it to a team of judges and the other participants.



Enterprise Fair

The culmination of our enterprise programme this year was our first combined Jobs and Enterprise Fair. The aim of combining the two events was to highlight the entrepreneurial pathway as a potential destination after College in addition to employment. The 16 selected learners were able to run a pop-up stall for the day. Learners thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to 'test trade' on the day and made a total of £715.00. We also had two Role Models in attendance to give additional advice on their pop-up ideas, and ways they could improve their business model.



Nicole and Keira ran a stall called 'Sun & Moon', selling Filipino pastries.

Katie, Kai and Vismaya ran a bubble Tea stall called 'The T Spot'





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