

Industry days

These are events usually of half a day or longer in which students experience a range of activities designed to increase their understanding of the world of work and improve their work readiness and employability skills. Employers, and less frequently trade unionists, are often involved as adults-other-than-teachers, running activities, presenting case studies based on their own experience or providing a reality check on classroom-based work-related activities.

BENEFITS FOR PUPILS

- Increased understanding of world of work
- Awareness of employability skills
- Contact with real world

BENEFITS FOR BUSINESS

- Contact with potential recruits.
- Young people become more aware of employers' needs and expectations.
- Staff development opportunities such as increased knowledge of the education system and the further development of organisational, management and communication skills.

ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOLS

This requires careful advance planning, as it depends on everyone and everything being available on the day.
Catering arrangements should include providing business participants with tea/coffee/water and, if all-day, lunch.

COMMITMENT REQUIRED FROM COMPANIES

At least one member of staff for up to one school day.
Pre-activity briefing and post-activity evaluation

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Staffing; equipment and or consumables

CERTIFICATION POSSIBILITIES

If linked to individual projects then SQA Unit Personal Development 'Self and Work' might be possible.

YEAR GROUP TARGETED

S1 to S3

EXEMPLAR + CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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