

Young Enterprise Programme

“We believe that the potential of the UK's young people is unlimited”



The business department of King Edward VI School have been running the Young Enterprise (YE) programme with Yr12 students for over 10 years, helping them to set, run and manage their own business in less than 12 months.

Whilst the aim of the programme has always been to help students develop the wide range of personal and business skills individuals need to be successful in the dynamic and ever changing business environment, the nature of the national YE company programme (which involves in excess of 18,000 students setting up more than 1,500 companies across the UK each year) has also meant that teams from King Edward VI School have had their high level of skills recognised, regularly winning awards at local, county, regional level.

This high level of success by King Edward VI YE teams was topped in 2016 when “Key Safety” came third in the UK National YE Finals with their product the “at risk disk” (www.atriskdisk.co.uk) which can be purchased Halfords nationwide.



A summary of the Young Enterprise company programme is set out below (full details the wide range of programmes YE run can be found on their website - www.young-enterprise.org.uk)

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Who we are:

Young Enterprise is the UK's leading charity that empowers young people to harness their personal and business skills.

We make the connection between school and the world of work, enabling young people to develop the knowledge and attitudes they need to succeed, building on 8 key skills:

- Communication
- Confidence
- Financial Capability
- Initiative
- Organisation
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Resilience

Company Programme

Running throughout one academic year, students find out what it's really like to set up and run a business. Students make all the decisions about their company, from deciding on the company name and product to creating a business plan, managing the company finances, selling to the public at trade fairs to ultimately winding up the company and paying their taxes. All this takes place with the support of a volunteer Business Adviser who brings a wealth of business knowledge and expertise.

Young Enterprise helps teachers embed practical business skills and the government's statutory guidance on careers advice in the curriculum. A number of exam boards map Company against a range of their qualifications.

The Company Programme culminates in the UK Final which this year featured 14 teams battling it out to be crowned UK Company of the Year and to go on to the JA-YE European Final.

Why choose this programme?

Below are just some of the reasons why you might want to get involved in the YE company programme:

- Develop key employability skills: 95% of young people felt they have improved at least one key employability competency
- 95% of centre leads would recommend the Young Enterprise Company Programme to others
- Supports a range of qualifications and University entrance
- Develops greater self-awareness to recognise personality types, strengths and weaknesses and what this means for personal development and for working as part of a team
- Provides the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of work and an insight into a range of roles required to run a business
- Allows individuals to gain an in-depth understanding of how companies are organised and structured, the different roles and career opportunities that exist and the skills needed to fulfill specific roles
- Enables individuals to demonstrate specific employability skills using real experiences for inclusion in CVs / personal statements and when preparing for interviews