

PROGRAMME: APPRENTICESHIPS

ACTIVITY: INFORMATION EVENING

SCHOOL: INVERALMOND CHS

APPRENTICESHIP FAMILY - INFORMATION EVENING

DYW West Lothian worked in partnership with Inveralmond Community High School to deliver an Apprenticeship Information Evening to an audience of parents, carers and young people.



Employers and stakeholders provided parents, carers and pupils with information about apprenticeships, with the aim of highlighting the variety of learning and employment opportunities across the Apprenticeship Family. This was done via presentations, information stands and a Q&A session, delivered by key stakeholders including Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland, Heriot-Watt University, West Lothian College, Lloyds Banking Group and Sky.

The benefits of organising an event focused on the Apprenticeship Family included:

- Providing an opportunity for attendees to hear from current and former apprentices about their career journey
- The chance for parents and young people to hear directly from employers about the benefits of starting an apprenticeship in their organisation
- Allowing employers to share an overview of the skills and qualities they are looking for in their apprentices
- Creating a forum for the audience to ask questions directly to employers, event partners and teaching staff

All attendees were provided with further resources to make use of after the event, including website links and partner information.

At the end of the event, the majority of attendees confirmed that they had an increased awareness of the opportunities available to young people when choosing an apprenticeship option. Some parents and carers stated that the information provided could result in some of their young person's course choices for the following academic year being changed (after consultation with the school).

"I had no idea there were so many Modern Apprenticeships that my son could apply for. This event has been a real help."

PARENT

"Everyone involved was very impressed with all the speakers and contributors on the night in opening their eyes to the apprenticeship opportunities available."

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