

St. Patrick's Academy - Work-related learning activities 2013-2014

| Date | Department(s) Involved | Description of work related learning activity |
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| 19-23/08/2013 | Physics | Four Year 14 Physics students participated in the Caterpillar Engineering Summer Project in QUB. |
| 02/09/2014 | Irish | TG4 workshop for sixth form Irish students. |
| 24/09/2013 | Business Studies | Young Enterprise Programme event for all Year 8 students - 'Your School Your Business'. |
| 23+26/09/2013 | Business Studies | Year 12 Business Studies students visited IKEA. |
| 12/09/2013 | Careers | Year 14 students attended the Open Day at University of Ulster (Jordanstown). |
| 13/09/2013 | Careers | Year 14 students attended the Open Day at Queen's University, Belfast. |
| 24/09/2013 | Engineering | Year 12 students from the engineering class visited Powerscreen. |
| 25/09/2013 | Art & Design | A past-pupil (who studies Graphic Design in Leeds university) visited the Art & Design Department and gave a presentation to all Year 13 and 14 Art& Design students. She also worked with a Year 10 class on their Photoshop design pieces. |
| 02/10/2013 | Biology | STEM truck visited St. Patrick's Academy for Year 13 Biology students (giving students first-hand experiences in biology electron microscopy). |
| 16/10/2013 | Art & Design | Digital Illustrator spoke to all Year 10 students and Years 13 and 14 art students. |
| 06/11/2013 | LLW/Careers | Interview skills workshop for Year 12 LLW examination students with MSc Communication students from CAFRE in conjunction with Dungannon & Cookstown Business Education partnership (BEP). |
| 08/11/2013 | Art & Design | Thirty Year 10 students participated in the Creative Choices workshop organised by the Arts Council in Belfast Metropolitan College. |
| 12/11/2013 | Art & Design | Year 13 & 14 Art & Design students visited the Turner Prize in Derry. They also viewed exhibitions in Gordon Gallery & Void Gallery |
| 13/11/2013 | LLW/Careers | A member of staff from the Police Ombudsman's Office spoke to Year 12 LLW students about the role of the Police Ombudsman. |
| 19/11/2013 | Music | Twenty Year 10 students attended a Creative Choice course in the Nerve Centre in Derry (in November) on career opportunities in the music industry. |
| 20/11/2013 | Sociology | Year 13&14 Sociology students attended the annual QUB A Level conference. |
| 22/11/2013 | Home Economics | Seminar for Year 14 Home Economic students in Loughry College. (Consumer Buying & Careers Presentation). |
| 03/12/2013 | Art & Design | A professional Ceramic Artist spoke to Year 12, 13 & 14 Art & Design students about her work and career path at the opening of the 3 rd Joint Young Artists' Exhibition |
| 12/12/2013 | Media Studies | Twenty Year 12 students were involved in a full day production workshop with a BBC reporter. The reporter spoke to the students about career paths into journalism. |

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| 16/12/2013 | Computing/ICT | Guest speaker from QUB spoke to Year 13 and 14 students about careers related to Computing & ICT. |
| 17/12/2013 | Sociology | A guest speaker (University of Ulster student & past-pupil) spoke to Year 13 and Year 14 Sociology students about studying Sociology and related courses at third level. |
| 19/12/2013 | French & Irish | Three guest speakers (all past-pupils) spoke to Year 10 students at a Year 10 'Careers in Languages' event jointly organised by the French and Irish departments. |
| 20/12/2013 | Biology | STEM truck visited St. Patrick's Academy for Year 13 Biology students (Workshop giving students first-hand experiences in DNA fingerprinting). |
| 29/01/2014 | Business Studies/Accounting | Ten Year 13 students attended the Queen's University School of Management Taster Programme. |
| 31/01/2014 | Business Studies/Accounting | Ten Year 13 students attended a 'Finance in Industry' event in Ballymena Academy. |
| 03/02/2014 | Engineering | Thirty-two Year 10 students visited SWC's STEM centre. |
| 13/01/2014 | Health & Social Care | A guest speaker (a nurse who specialises in the care of the elderly) spoke to the Year 14 Health & Social Care students about a career in nursing. |
| 16/01/2014 | Health & Social Care | A guest speaker (a manager of a local care home) spoke to the Year 14 Health & Social Care students about a career in nursing. |
| 18/01/2014 | Art & Design | Year 13 Art & Design students took part in a whole day printing workshop at a Belfast printing company. |
| 03/02/2014 | Computing/ICT | Twenty five GCSE ICT students attended the BRINGITON event in SWC, Dungannon. |
| 04/02/2014 | Engineering | Year 12 students from the engineering class visited Greiner packaging. |
| 24/02/2014 | Mathematics | A guest speaker from QUB and a guest speaker (past-pupil) from AJ Power LTD (Craigavon) spoke to Year 12 Additional Maths students and Year 13 AS Level Maths students about Electrical Engineering. |
| 25/02/2014 | Irish | A past-pupil (TV& radio Presenter) spoke to a group of Year 11 & 12 pupils who are interested in pursuing a career in the media industry. |
| 26/02/2014 | Business Studies | Year 8 Enterprise Day |
| 27/02/2014 | Careers | A representative from QUB (Community Affairs Office) spoke to Year 14 students about living away from home. |
| 28/02/2014 | Irish | Year 13 Irish students visited University of Ulster (Belfast). |
| 03/03/2014 | Government & Politics | A guest speaker from the University of Ulster spoke to the Years 13 & 14 Politics students. |
| 04/03/2014 | Chemistry | Spectroscopy in a suitcase for A Level Chemistry students in conjunction with staff from QUB. Chemistry Careers Talk for A Level students. |

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| 04/03/2014 | Careers | A guest speaker from the University of Liverpool spoke to year 13 students. |
| 5,6,7/03/2014 | Biology | Year 13 Biology students visited Killowen Outdoor education centre to carry out fieldwork - an opportunity to work with, and speak to, instructors about careers in biology and the environment. |
| 06/03/2014 | Government & Politics | A Member of Parliament spoke to the Years 13& 14 Politics students. |
| 06/03/2014 | Psychology | Four Year 13 students attended a series of Undergraduate lectures at QUB. |
| 07/03/2014 | Engineering | Sixteen Year 10 students took part in the Rotary club Technology Tournament held in SWC. |
| 07/03/2014 | Careers | A guest speaker (Deputy Admissions Officer) from University College Cork (UCC) spoke to Year 13 students about the CAO process in general and about UCC in particular. |
| 07/03/2014 | Home Economics | Year 11 Home Economics students attended a Nutrition Awareness Day and Careers Talk at Loughry College. |
| 11/03/2014 | Biology | RSPB workshops for Year 13 biology students discussing the work of the RSPB and career opportunities in biology. |
| 12/03/2014 & 14/03/2014 | Business Studies | Young Enterprise Programme event for all Year 10 students. |
| 13/03/2014 | Irish | A guest speaker (a past pupil studying Irish & Celtic Studies at QUB) spoke to Year 10 students at Gradaim na Gaeilge. |
| 20/03/2014 | Careers | Students from 9A attended a Business Education Partnership Globalisation day in South West College. |
| 21/03/2014 | Irish | A Guest speaker (Author and Translator) spoke to Year 14 Irish students about a career in translation. |
| 23/03/2014 | Engineering | Twelve Year 13 students visited a local primary school to work on a project with Primary 7 pupils. |
| 27/03/2014 | Media Studies | Ten Year 8 students played a prominent part in the BBC News School report day. |
| 28/03/2014 | Irish | Year 14 Irish class visited University of Ulster (Magee). |
| 02+03/04/2014 | Broadening Horizons group | Nine Year 12 students visited Cambridge where they attended an applications event at Murray Edwards College. They learned about the admissions process for Cambridge, took part in academic taster sessions and received advice on what to include in their personal statements. |
| 02/04/2014 | Media Studies | Twenty Year 10 students attended a BBC workshop in Dungannon Library. They learned about different aspects of media production. A senior BBC employee spoke about career opportunities in the BBC. |
| 08/04/2014 | English | A guest speak (QUB Lecturer) spoke to the Year 14 English students about studying English at degree level. |
| 08/04/2014 | Careers | Thirteen Year 13 students interested in Medicine & Dentistry attended an Information Session at Altnagelvin Area Hospital. |
| 14/04/2014 | Home Economics | A guest speaker spoke to Year 11 Home Economics students about her career and gave a demonstration of her work. |
| 07/05/2014 | Art & Design | A past-pupil (a graduate in Fine Art) visited the Art & Design Department and spoke to Art & Design students. |

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| 10/06/2014 | Business Studies | Young Enterprise Programme event for all Year 9 students. |
| 16/06/2014 | Art & Design | A past-pupil (who studies Architecture at University of Ulster, Belfast) visited the Art & Design Department and spoke Art & Design students. |
| 20/06/2014 | Art & Design | A local Ceramicist led a Ceramic Workshop for all Year 11 Art & Design students. |
| 30/06/2014- 02/07/2014 | Broadening Horizons group | Three students will attend the Northern Ireland Summer School, hosted by Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. They will have the opportunity to take part in academic taster sessions in the subject area of their choice as well as tour the colleges and receive important information and advice regarding the admissions process. |
| July 2014 | Mandarin | Ten students travelled to Beijing in July 2014 for a summer camp which focused on learning Mandarin Chinese. They also participated in a range of exciting cultural lessons and activities. |

In addition to the activities listed above, students got opportunities to develop their employability skills and participate in work-related learning activities through the following:

- Participating in a wide range of school trips and extra curricular activities:

Astronomy, Ceoltóirí Phádraig, Choir, Orchestra, Cookery Club, Debating Society, School Nutrition Action Group, Website Club, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Camogie, Hurling, Golf, Basketball, Netball, Pioneer Group, the Student Council, Mandarin Classes, Broadening Horizons, Comenius, Conservation Society, Current Affairs Society, President's Award / Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Friends of Africa, Interact group, Liturgy group, Mock Trial group, Public Speaking & Debating, Film Club, Chess club, The Academy Apprentice, the school bank, Young Enterprise group, the John Paul II Award, Irish language public speaking (Feis) and debating (Abair), and Irish dancing.

- Timetabled careers classes for Years 10, 13 and 14.
- LLW classes for KS3 students (Personal Development, Citizenship and Employability) and for most KS4 students.
- Year 13 students participate in enrichment activities.
- All Year 12 students were given access to, and benefited from, independent and impartial careers advice from the Careers Service advisers. Access to careers advice from the Careers Service adviser was available on request for sixth form students.
- Year 13 Advice Day - 22/08/2013 - All Year 12 students were invited with their parents to a meeting with a member of SMT. The purpose of this meeting was that A Level subjects, which are relevant to the pupils' interests and aspirations, could be selected.
- UCAS Training Days for Year 14 students (29/08/2013 & 30/08/2013)
- In Year 13, many pupils benefited from relevant work experience placements (independently organised, organised through their AS Level subject (e.g Health & Social Care) and organised through Sentinus and Charter). These provided good opportunities for the development of their employability skills and raised their awareness of employment options available within the local and regional labour markets.
- Mock interviews were organised throughout the year.
- Multi mini mock interviews took place for early UCAS applicants on 23/10/2013 (Year 14) and on 25/06/2014 (Year 13).