



## Media Release

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### **Pupils Working Together**

**Photo opportunity: Glebe Centre, Murton, 10am – noon or 1pm to 2pm  
Friday, June 15, 2007**

STUDENTS will be learning about team work and the importance of good communication skills in a working environment at a special event. Teams of pupils will work through a variety of hands-on activities with a business ambassador there to advise how they link to the world of work.

Around 70 pupils from Houghton Kepier Sports College will be participating in a Welcome to the World of Work event, organised by Sunderland-based Education Business Connections (EBC). The groups of students will work on activities at the Glebe Centre in Murton.

Businesses supporting the day include: Reynolds Outdoor Centre, Gateshead College, Into Work, 2-Touch, Team Wearside, Barclays, Easington Lane Community Access Point and b-skill.

Emma Kingswood, Programme Officer with EBC, said: "The day will give pupils a real chance to find out their strengths and also encourage them to try new things. It will hopefully give them confidence so that when they leave school that they know they have skills which will be useful in a working environment."

Education Business Connections was formed eight years ago to support closer working between schools and businesses in Sunderland. It's success means that now the team delivers innovative educational programmes to children across Tyne and Wear.

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