

MOVING UP DAYS



A key aim of EBC is to improve young people's work readiness and to develop the transferrable skills they will need to take their next steps into - or within - the world of education, training or employment. EBC also seeks to develop an entrepreneurial, positive and creative approach to the challenges facing young people as they approach adulthood.

With the target groups of Years 9/10 and Years 10/11 the aim of the Moving Up Days is to:

- Develop work readiness in participants. In particular career management, job search, presentation skills, financial planning, self esteem and confidence building, teamwork, entrepreneurship, time management, independent learning, self recognition and self evaluation.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to explore their next career/education choices.
- Provide an opportunity for potential employers, training providers and education institutions to promote the opportunities they offer to young people.
- Highlight to pupils the differences between school and college (or university).
- Explain the benefits of post-16 education to pupils in terms of both career and social development.
- Provide pupils with an early understanding of the recruitment and enrolment procedures of local colleges and universities.

Pupils take part in different key activities which help to build their skills portfolios as they approach the time when they will be required to make applications for their first job (either to support themselves through further/higher education or as part of their career development). Employers recruited come from both those known to support part time working and those offering training opportunities.

Student facilitators also provide a 'real life' insight into both the academic and social side of either college or university life and give credibility and value to the events.

Interactive activities such as memory maps, analysing job adverts, completing application

forms, quizzes, mini enterprise, and fun-based information gathering help pupils to investigate company organisations and structures, study routes, develop teamwork, promote new ideas and free thinking and gather information from recruited business facilitators using both set questions and their own. Presentations throughout see pupils feeding back the outcome of their discussions and research.

Moving Up Days benefit Year 9 pupils faced with making choices of what qualifications they will aim for in the final two years of school, such as:

- GCSE subjects
- GNVQ/VGCE courses
- Other courses offered by their schools.

Moving Up Days benefit Years 10 and 11 pupils facing equally crucial choices, including:

- Where to continue their post-16 studies.
- Whether to opt for traditional A levels or other qualifications.
- Whether to moving into training and if so which training route.

These choices can be particularly difficult for young people with no family history of further or higher education.

These large scale events are usually based in a local college or further education venue and give pupils a chance to work with students from both further and higher education.

Education Business Connections provides:
Recruitment of students to deliver activities.

- A portfolio of pupil-centred activities.
- Recruitment of schools to take part in the event.
- Recruitment of businesses to support the event.
- Full event organisation, including arrangement for venues, transport, and all related housekeeping.
- Full post-event evaluation.

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TO CURRICULUM NEEDS AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS'**