

## BLOSSOMING ENTERPRISES ARE KEEPING GOOD COMPANY

Nearly 800 young people across 36 schools in Surrey have set up over 60 new businesses over the past year through the Young Enterprise Company Programme.

ALL THESE STUDENTS are developing the skills and entrepreneurial flair that will help make future business successful. Three volunteer area boards have been busy organising seminars, trade fairs and area competitions, the winners of which will go forward to the Surrey County Finals in May. The Company Programme competition is UK and Europe-wide.

Recently the YE North Surrey Area board held a successful half year event at BP, with a company from Matthew Arnold School in Staines called 'Love Me Love My Pet' winning the P&G Innovation Award and 'Kitschcake' (Sir William Perkins) winning the BP 'Creative use of Science' Award.

With help from volunteers in the business community and hard-working YE link teachers from schools, students aged 15 to 19 have been learning key entrepreneurial skills.

### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Young Enterprise is a not-for-profit organisation which is only able to deliver its programmes through the support of local and national business. This support is provided in a variety of forms: financial, in-kind and through the provision and encouragement of volunteers as 'business advisers' – which is good for employee development as well.

### WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN YOU MAKE?

Through supporting Young Enterprise businesses contribute positively to the local economy and employment through doing their bit to ensure a better motivated, educated and enterprising workforce.

To find out more about getting involved or to attend YE competitions coming up shortly, please contact Jan Sharman, Chief Executive, Young Enterprise South East, email: [enquiries@yese.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@yese.org.uk) or tel: 01737 760 966.

The North Surrey area final is on March 24 and the Surrey County Final is on May 5

## View of the future at Tomlinscote

THE WIDE RANGE of career opportunities open to Surrey students was revealed at an event at Tomlinscote School in Camberley.

Tomlinscote held a Careers Day for SHAPE (Surrey Health Area Partnership in Education) federation which attracted over 1000 students in the afternoon with a further 1500 students and parents attending in the evening.

The event aimed to give students a better idea of what is available, both in terms of courses on offer at various establishments and employment opportunities in the future.

Exhibitors included a wide variety of companies and many Surrey Chambers members. Some companies such as Davis Burton Sellek, Chartered Accountants and Dane & Glasscock recruitment consultants, teamed up to offer students advice on CV writing and interview skills for the accountancy industry.



## Clothes with your name on them from young company

With four company directors aged just 15, customised clothing business Capoeira Custom is a beacon of young enterprise.

The screenshot shows the Capoeira Custom website interface. At the top, there is a logo with a red airplane icon and the text 'CAPOEIRA' in a stylized font, followed by the tagline 'Put A Bit Of Nick In Your Fashion'. Below the header is a grid of product categories, each with a representative image and a label: 'Baby wear' (a baby in a red hood), 'Children' (a child in a blue shirt), 'Hoodies' (a person in a grey hoodie), 'Magnetic frames' (a purple frame), 'Polo' (a person in a green polo shirt), 'Promo' (a teddy bear), 'scarfs & gloves' (a person in a dark scarf), 'School wear' (a person in a school uniform), and 'Shirts' (a person in a blue shirt). On the left side, there is a vertical list of categories: 'All Category', 'Polo', 'T-shirts', 'Hoodies', 'Sportswear', 'Shirts', 'Women', 'Children', 'scarfs & gloves', 'Promo', 'Magnetic frames', 'Baby wear', 'School wear', and 'Towelling'. On the right side, there is a 'Shopping Cart Is Empty' notification.

MANAGING DIRECTOR KEVIN Patrick with Lewis Smith, Osman Ahmed and Stephen Fenwick started their business as a Young Enterprise company at Tomlinscote School in Camberley.

Young Enterprise is the UK's leading business and enterprise education charity and their programmes are based on the principle of learning by doing with one programme enabling students to work together to run their own real company.

With more than 5,500 schools and colleges participating, Young Enterprise currently reaches more than 350,000 young people a

year, from primary school right through to university. It helps build a better motivated, educated and enterprising workforce.

Now a business in its own right, Capoeira Custom can customise a wide range of products, from t-shirts to caps and bags. It is currently expanding its range and is now able to supply school uniforms.

If you would like something customised please contact Capoeira Custom on: 07525 150 428 or visit the website at: [www.capeoiracustom.com](http://www.capeoiracustom.com)