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PROGRAMME UPDATE

Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme.

9) SEND Work Experience Project

Young people with SEND can struggle to secure work experience and this is a key part of their curriculum to support their transition confidence. Research evidence gained by The Careers & Enterprise Company suggests that work experience is effective in enabling young people and young adults with SEND to make a successful move from school to further or higher education, training, employment or self-employment. The pop up shop work experience will demonstrate the capabilities of young people while providing them with first-hand knowledge of the working environment. The experience will allow our young people to develop key employability skills to support them in their future and enrich their CV's.

The Black Country Careers Hub and Careers and Enterprise company work with schools in the Black Country to get involved in specific projects that support career education, skill development whilst supporting to achieve Gatsby Benchmarks. One of the projects special schools and foundation learning departments is to be involved in a pop up shop work experience. The 'pop up shop' will allow young people with special educational needs and or disabilities to gain access to valuable work experience . Connexions Dudley DMBC is supporting this initiative by sourcing Provision House as an outlet for delivery in the Dudley area. The pop up shop will enable young people to develop their employability skills as pupils are handcrafting items to sell during their enterprise sessions or creating their own marketing campaigns to support them to receive preloved items to sell during their experience.

Below is a schedule of the 'Pop Up' shops and we would encourage our young people by visiting Provision House and showing your support.

Pop up shop Dudley – Provision House [80-81 High Street, Dudley DY1 1PY](#)

School/College	Dates they are taking part	Times they will be there	What will they be selling?
Old Park Special School Dudley	3 rd May, 17 th May and 24 th May	Watch this space	Watch this space
Sandwell College	5 th May, 10 th May and 11 th May	10.30am – 1.30pm	Preloved items and Enterprise /hand crafted items
The Sutton School Dudley	6 th May, 13 th May and 20 th May	9.15am – 12.45pm	Preloved Items
Wolverhampton College	9 th May, 23 rd May and 20 th June	10am -2.30pm	Preloved items and Enterprise /hand crafted items
Pens Meadow, Dudley	12 th May, 19 th May and 26 th May	10am -2.15pm	Enterprise /hand crafted items
Dudley College	25 th May, 27 th May, 14 th June, 15 th June and 17 th June	Watch this space	Watch this space
Halesbury School Dudley	16 th June, 12 th and 13 th July	10.30am -1pm	Preloved items and Enterprise /hand crafted items
The Meadows School, Sandwell	21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd June	10am -12pm	Enterprise /hand crafted items
The Westminster Special School, Sandwell	28 th , 29 th and 30 th June	9.30am -2.30pm	Preloved items and Enterprise /hand crafted items
Brades Lodge , Sandwell	4 th July, 8 th July and 11 th July	10am -1pm	Watch this space
Mary Elliot School, Walsall	6 th July	10am -2pm	Preloved items and Enterprise /hand crafted items

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