

Ipswich Opportunity Area Summer Term Newsletter

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Introduction

As we near the end of the second academic year of the Opportunity Area, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued engagement and commitment to the programme and the young people of Ipswich. Collectively we have achieved a great deal in a short amount of time and that is testament to the drive and passion that Ipswich has in education for the young people of the town and the wider area.

As we move into the third year of the programme we wanted to use this newsletter to celebrate some of our successes and provide a flavour of the activity on offer from September 2019.

Katrina Gardiner

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Vision

All young people in Ipswich are happy, confident, ambitious and flexible lifelong learners.

We want to ensure all young people can fulfil their potential and access the opportunities available to them regardless of their background.



A highlight of the successes so far:



99% engagement in the programme from educational establishments including early education through private, voluntary and independent sector, nursery schools, primary schools, secondary schools, alternative provision, SEND and Post 16.



Established an Early Years programme of support and training to further increase professional competency in this area.



Over £1m allocated to strengthening our workforce through CPD plans, leadership training and Coaching and Mentoring.



Over 30 projects across 60 educational establishments being undertaken through the Evidence Based Practice Fund.



Implemented a Primary World of Work programme to ignite and stimulate careers information for Key Stage Two.



Working with our partners to continue the work of Network for East Anglia Collaborative Outreach (Neaco), National Citizens Service (NCS) and Careers and Education Company (CEC).

Examples of the Opportunity Area Work

Further details and examples can be found on our website www.ipswichopportunityarea.co.uk

JABADAO

In March the Ipswich Opportunity Area funded 'What Children's Bodies Need' for pre-school and nursery practitioners. This was a two-day, developmental play accredited training course delivered by JABADAO lead Penny Greenland.

The course offered a play-based, child-led approach to physical development. Underpinned by developmental movement theory, practitioners were supported to consider the following questions:

- Why do babies and children move as they do?
- What are the links between movement, development and learning?
- What do they need from us to develop well?
- How can we be helpful adults?

We are proud to say that the feedback we have had following the course has been absolutely fantastic!

Practitioners have commented that:

"It was an inspirational course led by an inspirational lady."

"We really came out buzzing."

"The best course I have been on."

"The trainer gave us so many practical ideas."

We are delighted to confirm that we have secured further funding for the course and will be offering one fully funded place to remaining PVI settings within the Ipswich Opportunity Area in the autumn term so please keep an eye on your emails for the upcoming dates.

Examples of the Opportunity Area Work

TIG – an APP for Parents

We have been working with the Behavioural Insights team to create an APP for parents that will support their children's early development in communication and social and emotional wellbeing. The APP is available on Android and Apple devices now!



Mentor Development Training Programme

One of the aims of the Ipswich Opportunity Area is to ensure good support for NQTs across schools in Ipswich and as part of that we are pleased to announce the launch of the new Mentor Development and Training programme.

This is designed to ensure your mentors are fully trained and supported to help in their role with your NQTs and Early Career Teachers. There is no cost to be part of the programme and funding is available for time away from school from your Opportunity Area.

The programme is being led by CUREE (Centre for Use of Research and Evidence in Education) the creators of the National Framework for Coaching and Mentoring. For more information and contact details follow this link to our web site: ipswichopportunityarea.co.uk/latest-news

I would encourage you to consider which of your staff would be most suited to join this programme to support your school and your teachers.

What a Difference a Day Makes – Key Stage Four maths support

Working across the Ipswich Opportunity Area we have completed the first year of the What a Difference a Day Makes programme. This programme looked at the difference an additional 24 hours maths tuition would make to a Year 11 pupil with their GCSE Maths. The programme showed how, with an initial idea, collaboration between schools and dedication from both students and teaching staff, it is possible to make a positive impact. Meeting in the University of Suffolk every Saturday morning for 5 weeks the 82 students consistently applied themselves to weekly sessions culminating in a mock exam to assess their progress. Over 240 sessions were attended by the 82 participating pupils and early results suggest that nearly all participants moved up a grade or more upon completion of the programme.

Feedback from participating students was overwhelmingly positive. Many felt more confident by the end and teachers from participating schools noticed an overall increase in confidence from the participating pupils that extended beyond their studies in maths.

We will be running this again in the next academic year – if your school is interested in taking part please contact Katrina Gardiner on Katrina.Gardiner@uos.ac.uk

Examples of the Opportunity Area Work

Higher Education Parent and Carer Champion

lead by the Network for East Anglia Collaborative Outreach (Neaco)



Ipswich Opportunity Area and the Network for East Anglian Collaborative Outreach (NEACO) [part of the National Collaborative Outreach Programme (NCOP)] have jointly funded the Higher Education Parent and Carer Champion position. This is funding for a 12 month post to establish the project to be sustained by the University thereafter. The Parent and Carer Champion is responsible for recruiting and training a network of Parent and Carer Ambassadors to work with other parents and carers across Suffolk in order to encourage underrepresented groups and young people in the region to progress to higher education (HE).

We believe this role will have a positive impact in the community where parents and carers will be able to gain advice on their young person's journey after school/further education and into higher education. The Champion will be able to provide general advice regarding access to higher education but also specific elements such as the application process and student finance. The Champion and Ambassadors will be able to share their stories and experiences, which will encourage parents, carers and pupils, who are yet to start this journey.

The role will largely focus on attending parent focused school and community events, as well as creating and managing new activity to encourage parent/ carer engagement.

Primary World of Work Project

Adam Wilson, Deputy Principal at Rose Hill Primary School reported on Rose Hill having been part of the World of Work project since the beginning of the year.

An employer talking about how to become a sports coach ▼

'We have benefited from a number of activities on the project including employer activities in school and visits out. Year 5 pupils had a wonderful visit to the University of Suffolk organised through the Ipswich Opportunity Area Primary World of Work. The children worked alongside students from the university to look at the range of different courses on offer to them. The project has really helped raise pupil aspirations and gave a number of students clear direction for future career opportunities and steps needed to achieve their goals.'



Examples of the Opportunity Area Work

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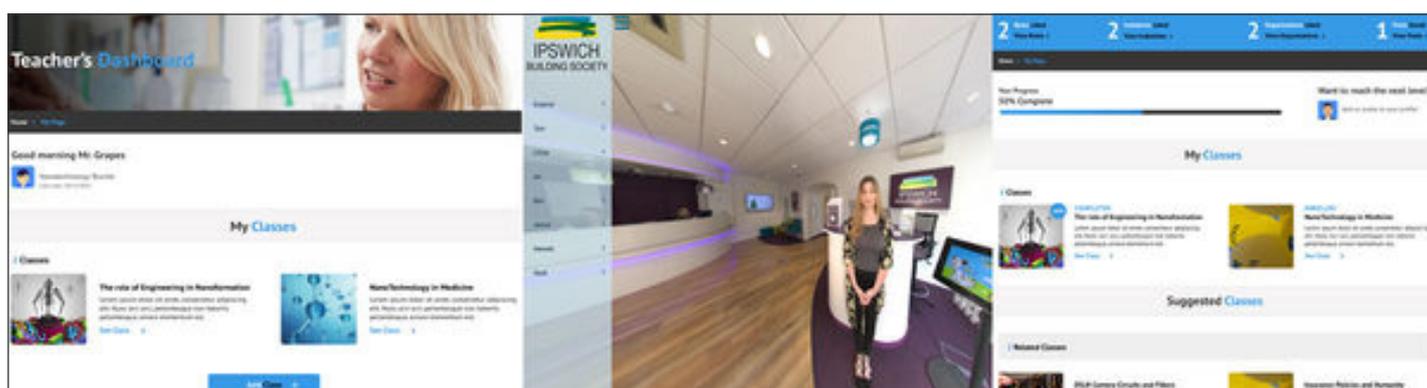


icanbea... your free, local online careers and LMI website continues to grow with **more content, more employers and more users!**

The website originally created by an employer wanting an easy way to showcase industry, what they do and what they would like in future employees, now has representation from 22 Industries for students to explore, all with information, videos, job role ideaws and live opportunities whether that be work experience, volunteering or an apprenticeship.

All of the information on icanbea is supported by the 300+ organisations that maintain a profile with us on the site, using their pages to showcase their own business talking about who they employ, how they recruit and what they are looking for including academic and personal skills. Local businesses are also able to promote any events, news articles or opportunities they have for young people to experience the world of work or gain an apprenticeship.

Supported by Ipswich Opportunity Area we are working on a bespoke Schools/Teacher Dashboard that will offer secondary schools the functionality to have greater monitoring and oversight of what their students are doing on the site and support the delivery of career related 'e-lessons' using the employer provided information on icanbea.



This Schools/Teacher Dashboard will also include additional content created especially for the project such as curriculum-linked lesson plans and interactive '360' virtual tours of businesses including Ipswich Building Society's new headquarters and a glimpse inside BT's Adastral Park with other employers to be announced shortly.

Careers Enterprise Centre (CEC)

- Enterprise Advisor in every School
- Ipswich Opportunity Area is performing against Gatsby Benchmarks above both the national average and the average for other Opportunity Areas
- 10 Engaged Cornerstone Employers
- On track to deliver 43,148 meaningful encounters with the world of work
- £354,410 allocated to schools in Ipswich Opportunity Area on their Virtual Wallets for CEC rate cards

For more information on the CEC programme for Ipswich, including the Rate Card please contact Jordan Holder, Enterprise Coordinator on Jordan.Holder@newanglia.co.uk

September Showcase Invitation

We would like to warmly invite you to our September Showcase on **Wednesday 25 September at Wherstead Park 2.00–6.00pm**

At this event colleagues across the education sector will be demonstrating the impact that the Opportunity Area has had for them and sharing their experience to enable you to embed similar practice at your own establishment. Come along and find out how your nursery, school or college can benefit from the Opportunity Area project experience.

You can order your tickets here:

www.eventbrite.com/e/ipswich-opportunity-area-september-showcase-tickets-62258115700

Follow this link on our website to keep up to date with events and items for your diary:

ipswichopportunityarea.co.uk/latest-news