

## **Young Enterprise**

The Young Enterprise Company Programme is a one year course offering Year 12 students the opportunity to work with outside professionals and experience the world of entrepreneurial business as part of The Aylesbury Vale Academy Post 16 enrichment programme.

Under the flagship Company Programme students set up and run a real firm for a year under the guidance of a business volunteer. You get practical experience of the joys and pitfalls of creating a truly functioning enterprise.

You do everything from raising the initial share capital through to designing and making a product or service to selling directly to customers at specially organised trade fairs and ultimately winding up the firm and paying taxes!

This renowned programme has been running since 1963 and in that time a million 15-19 year olds have taken part. Apart from delivering aspects of work related learning under the National Curriculum, independent research shows it helps develop key skills that enhance young people's employability and enterprise capabilities.

Many alumni of the Company Programme have gone on to outstanding careers in as entrepreneurs, corporate executives and public figures. Employers tend to look favourably on students who have taken part in the programme.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/>