

PRESS RELEASE

FIRST LONDON SCHOOL TO RECEIVE YOUNG APPRENTICESHIP TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE AWARD

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On Monday 16th January 2006, Young Apprentices from Stockwell Park High School will be the first pupils in London to be awarded Level 2 Technical Certificates on the Business and Administration Young Apprenticeship programme.

The Young Apprenticeship programme is delivered in partnership with the Council for Administration (CfA) and Camden ITeC and is supported by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and the Department for Education and Skills (DfES). The programme has so far proven to be a huge success for both Stockwell Park High and the Apprentices involved. Jenny Hewell, Chief Executive of the CfA commented:

"Young Apprentices at Stockwell Park High are developing essential business and administration skills through their work placements. These experiences are excellent preparation for when they enter full-time work in the future."

Winston Castello, Chief Executive of Camden ITeC added:

"It is clear that the pupils of Stockwell Park have gained a great deal from the programme. It has been inspiring to see how work experience has increased levels of confidence and broadened horizons."

Jill Lowery, Acting Executive Director, LSC London Central, said:

"This innovative programme allows pupils to continue studying the core National Curriculum while gaining crucial, real-work experience and helps businesses become involved in shaping the workforce of the future. This is an important balance in today's ever-changing market place."

The Stockwell Park apprentices are now well into their second year of the Young Apprenticeship programme and are looking forward to successful completion in the summer of 2006. Nick Langham, Assistant Head Teacher at Stockwell Park expressed his support for the programme:

"We are really proud that the pupils have been a part of the programme. They have developed some excellent vocational skills and equally important, is their personal development. We are very grateful for the support from CfA, Camden ItEC and the LSC."

Launched in September 2004, the Young Apprenticeship programme is a two year programme open to 14 year old students who are keen to opt for a more vocational learning experience to complement their core studies. The programme offers students the opportunity to experience 'real work' through a work placement of up to 50 days, averaging 2 days per week.

The CfA has recently inducted a second cohort of pupils onto the programme at Stockwell Park High and look forward to these new Apprentices achieving similar successes.

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Notes to editor:

1. CfA is the UK body for Vocational Education in Business & Administration; designing standards, endorsing qualifications, designing apprenticeship frameworks, developing skills and conducting research and consultancy. For further information regarding the CfA or the Business and Administration Young Apprenticeship programme please contact Tracie Tod on tracie.tod@cfa.uk.com or 020 7091 9625.

2. The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for planning and funding high-quality vocational education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world-class standards. Our vision is that by 2010, young people and adults in England have the knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. Established in 2001, we work nationally, regionally and locally from a network of offices across the country.

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