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Yorkshire sixth formers given an insight into the world of work



Grant Thornton has once again hosted a Business Awareness Day for sixth form students from schools and colleges around Sheffield and Leeds. The event, now in its third year, aims to increase young people's understanding of the world of work.

More than 25 students from Sheffield High School, Silverdale School, King Ecgbert School and Wales High School in Sheffield, plus The Hayfield School in Doncaster and Allerton Grange High School in Leeds, took part in the day. The pupils, all of whom are studying economics or business studies, visited Grant Thornton's offices in Broadfield Court, Sheffield, on 11 July.

The students met Grant Thornton partner Paul Houghton and director Peter Edwards who explained how the firm supports local businesses. The students also took part in interactive workshops with members of the team looking at different aspects of life at Grant Thornton, from the services offered by the firm to life as a trainee and the importance of corporate responsibility. They participated in a business game, using the knowledge gained earlier in the day to suggest services that could be provided to a prospective client. They were also given a presentation about interview tips and applications skills.



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The highlight of the day was Grant Thornton's very own Dragon's Den, with students given the challenge of pitching a new, innovative use of a cereal box to a panel of Grant Thornton 'dragons' comprising managers from the Sheffield Office.

Peter Edwards, director at Grant Thornton in Sheffield, said: "The event is a great opportunity to give young people a real life taste of the world of work as well as providing an insight into pursuing a career as an accountant or business adviser. They are able to talk with our trainees and executives to find out firsthand what it's really like.

"As a firm, we are committed to developing and nurturing young talent and we offer a number of different entry level programmes aimed at attracting school leavers as well as graduates. The purpose of these schemes is to encourage talented young people to join Grant Thornton and pursue a career in accountancy at any stage of their academic life."

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Picture shows: Sixth form students at Grant Thornton's Business Awareness Day

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