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South Yorkshire sixth formers given an insight into the world of work

For the fifth consecutive year, Grant Thornton has hosted a Business Awareness Day for sixth form students from nine schools around Sheffield and Doncaster to help increase their understanding of the world of work.

Thirty-two students from All Saints Catholic High School; Birkdale School; King Ecgbert School; Meadowhead School Academy; Sheffield High School; Sheffield UTC; Silverdale School; and Tapton School in Sheffield; plus The Hayfield School in Doncaster, 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, earlier in the month to learn more about the practicalities of business, the role of a professional business adviser and to gain a practical insight into a career in finance and business.

The day included a presentation on the life of a current audit trainee and a presentation from Grant Thornton’s recruitment team including interview/assessment centre tips. There was also an interactive business game in which pupils took the role of a client and had meetings with different representatives from Grant Thornton to help them understand the different services offered by the firm. The students also participated in team building games and a ‘Dragons Den’ activity where pupils had to take an everyday object and improve it, create a brand/logo and present the idea to a panel.
Peter Edwards, director at Grant Thornton in Sheffield, said: “It’s always great to see the students’ enthusiasm and creativity and offers a really good chance for them to learn more about a career in business. Once again, we received very positive feedback from the students who liked the variety of the day and the activities involved as well as the opportunity to chat with our current audit trainees. The Dragons Den proved particularly popular and the presentations were very impressive, so hopefully we have inspired some of the entrepreneurs of tomorrow!

“Developing and nurturing young talent is an ongoing commitment for us and Grant Thornton has developed 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.”