

Barr Soft Drinks and Lenzie Academy sign new Education Partnership agreement

Barr Soft Drinks, Scotland's leading soft drinks manufacturer and Lenzie Academy signed an Enterprise in Education Partnership Agreement on Monday 14th December 2009.

The Partnership Agreement between Barr's and one of East Dunbartonshire's leading schools is part of the Scottish Governments Determined to Succeed strategy for developing enterprise in education. The strategy's aim is to instil an enterprising attitude in today's young people and Barrs will now be fully involved in helping Lenzie Academy to achieve this.

Employees at Barr's will engage in a range of learning activities with pupils which will include work experience placements, mock interviews, presentations on Human Resources and the company's international business together with visits to the firms Cumbernauld HQ to view Barr's state of the art manufacturing, distribution and warehousing facilities.

Ronnie Hanna, Chairman A.G.Barr plc who signed the agreement on behalf of the company said: "The Enterprise in Education Partnership is extremely worthwhile and we at Barr Soft Drinks are delighted to be part of it. I'm impressed by the commitment of Lenzie Academy through their pupils and staff and by how much learning and fun they have extracted from the first project "The Food and Drink Challenge". Together we have got off to a great start. We look forward to participating fully in the other projects that are planned.

The Food and Drink challenge was held as part of the Schools St Andrew's Day celebrations. All first year pupils were involved in preparing a Scottish Dish in Home Economics, they also completed work in Maths, Computing and Business Education related to the challenge. Barr Soft Drinks sponsored and judged the event and the winning dish will be served in their Head Office restaurant in the New Year.

Councillor Una Walker, Convener of the Education Committee said, 'I was delighted to witness the official signing of the Business Partnership Agreement between A G Barr at

Lenzie Academy. The opportunities for the pupils is immeasurable and I am sure that they will benefit from this insight into the world of business and also into their future career options. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Jemima Priester, Principal Teacher at Lenzie Academy who put so much work into making this agreement possible.

Roderick McLelland, Head Teacher said, "All at Lenzie Academy are thrilled and excited by this new business partnership between Lenzie Academy and A G Barr plc, one of Scotland's most iconic and prestigious companies.

We look forward to a fruitful and beneficial relationship for both parties, and I am confident that the experiences of Lenzie Academy's young people will be greatly enhanced through this partnership with A G Barr"

Ronnie Hanna chairman of A G Barr plc is pictured with the Head Teacher Roderick McLelland, Councillor Una Walker, Convener of Education from East Dunbartonshire Council and School Captains Stuart Gray and Rosie McKean.

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