

# Get involved in... Specialist schools

Help students to learn about how business works by helping to deliver work-related activities at your local business and enterprise college.

## **Why get involved?**

Specialist schools are schools that become centres of excellence in areas of learning, such as arts, business and enterprise, engineering, humanities, languages, sports, maths, music, science and technology.

Their aim is to strengthen the quality of teaching in their specialist area by: working with partner schools; forging links with sponsors, business, employers, further and higher education institutions; and driving the provision of Diploma lines of learning.

More than 200 of these specialist schools are business and enterprise colleges. We now need employers to get involved in developing and delivering applied, practical, work-related and enterprise learning for students at these colleges.



### **Benefits for young people**

Young people at business and enterprise colleges develop strong business links and gain valuable skills in business, financial capability, work-related learning, practical learning and enterprise-related applied learning programmes. They take part in business and enterprise enrichment activities and cultivate a positive attitude toward risk-taking and enterprise.

### **Benefits for employers**

Business and enterprise colleges inspire and motivate students to develop their enterprise capability. They are, therefore, a potential source of capable, commercially aware staff for the future. By helping to deliver enterprise learning, you get the chance to shape their understanding of the business world and be part of creating the next generation of business managers and leaders.

### **Next steps**

For more information about the Specialist Schools Programme, visit the website [www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/specialistschools/](http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/specialistschools/) or email DCSF at [specialist.schools@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:specialist.schools@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk)

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