

Enterprise – Chickens

In 2014 students set up a mini small holding buy fundraising to buy chickens and all the equipment needed to take care of them properly. Students set up a number of mini enterprise projects within that year including colouring competitions, cake sales and a soup stall to reach their target. Students then welcomed the chickens at Bettridge School in spring 2015. Students then went about setting up their egg business. Since then the school have been home to three flocks of chickens and the student's enterprise continues to be thriving and eggs are in high demand.

The chickens are continued to be cared for by the KS4 students who feed them and change their water daily. The students also collect the eggs (a very exciting job!). Each week the chickens are cleaned out. The eggs are sold to staff and pupils in the school and the money made is used to buy more feed and any other items that are needed for the care of the chickens.

Until 2018 the chickens had been able to roam around the horticulture area of the school (until they were put in their coop each night), however, foxes became a real threat so students had to think of a plan not only to keep them safe but ensure that they had enough space to be happy hens! Students decided that they wanted the chickens to have a much larger coop in which they could roam safely. Students put their proposal forward to Leadership and it was agreed that they could have a build a new run for the chickens. Students yet again set up a number of mini enterprise projects to make some money to buy the new coop. Students made a number of different products including bird boxes and Christmas wreaths to sell. The students managed to raise over £200 and buy the new coop. The new coop was built buy the students and now the chickens have a much larger home. The enterprise project is an eagerly await one for a number of our students who move into KS4.



Jacket potatoes café

Each Wednesday, as part of the students 'Working as a Team' module, the students prepare Jacket potatoes and several hot and cold fillings for staff members. The students are responsible for checking to see that all staff who have ordered a potato are in school. Food hygiene is a top priority. Students wear aprons, gloves and there is lots of hand washing! The students tend to stick to similar tasks for a number of weeks, so they become totally independent before moving on to a new skill/task. Staff have been very impressed with how sensible student's are in the kitchen, using hot appliances, sharp knives and taking food hygiene seriously. The students enjoy setting up the hot trolley, tables with table clothes, condiments and putting all the salad that they have prepared on the tables. The potatoes are very popular with the staff and we have lots of repeat customers! The profit then goes toward the Enterprise fund, which the students benefit from.



Orchard

Students in FE attend a local orchard each week as part of their work related and work experience placements. Students carry out a number of tasks includes, harvesting fruit, maintaining grounds and building natural fences among a number of other things.

One of the busiest times for the orchard (and the students) is the autumn during the fruit harvesting season. Students pick the fruit for the trust. It is then juiced and made in the apple juice called the 'Humble bee trust juice'. Students have sold this juice for the trust to parents and staff at Christmas and summer fairs to make a profit for end of year treats such as a cinema trip. Students were also very excited to find out that this juice was also sold at the Gloucester services.

Please see more about the orchard trust; <https://www.humblebeejuice.co.uk/orchard-involvement>



FE bakery

Some students in FE set up a bakery making fresh white and brown loafs for staff to purchase. Students would shop for ingredients, check orders, make the bread, and collect money and delivery to staff. The students bread was very popular.



FE3 have started up a car washing business. Students work together as a team to fill up the buckets with water and soap and carry them outside. We have also all took turns using the pressure washer to wash all of the dirt and rinse all of the soap off the cars. Students charged £3 for a cash wash.

