Case Study  Volunteer, Noadswood School, Hampshire

Money Twist KS3

We know volunteers add ‘real world’ value to our programmes. Whether it is helping a young person budget for the first time, sharing tips, tricks or mistakes with managing money, or giving them an insight into a career path, our young people gain immensely.

Since 2015 MyBnk has hosted nearly 100 volunteers from Quilter in schools and youth organisations across Hampshire, London and the Isle of Man. Here is one such volunteer’s take on the experience.

Elliot Gwynne, Technician, Quilter plc.

“I found out about MyBnk’s work with our Foundation after they organised a taster session at my office. It was something that seemed really valuable and different – this is now my second time volunteering.

When you talk to adults the thing they say they wish they had at school is financial education. It is so needed and often not delivered to children. Doing something like this adds value.

Ultimately, I wanted to help people. I left school, went to university, made some very poor decisions early on and got into debt. It happens to lots of people, but not everyone learns from it. I’ve always thought it’s better to intervene from an early age and instil good habits.

Coming into a classroom was a little nerve-wracking at first, but the pupils were very receptive to what MyBnk was talking about and their trainer helped them engage with the subject matter. It helped me as a volunteer that the workshop is properly pitched to the age group, there are no misunderstandings and questions are qualified. MyBnk made my experience easier with their fun and interactive delivery – it was not just standing and talking.

Personaly, I’m considering a career move to teaching so this is invaluable experience. It’s given me confidence talking to groups of people - speaking to children is a lot more daunting than to a bunch of adults!

If you’re spending all your time in an office, something like this is ideal. You can come to a place and interact in a very different environment. This has been a unique chance to take part in something really worthwhile.”

Nicola Sullivan, Lead Teacher Citizenship, Character & Culture, Noadswood School

Key Facts

Format: 3x100 minute sessions. Can be delivered over 2-3 separate sessions.

Target group: 11-14 year olds.

Group size: 12-30 young people.

Funder: Quilter Foundation.

73% Of teachers think MyBnk training is more effective than being delivered by school staff

Substance 2018

“It’s fantastic to get outside experts into our school. It adds a real buzz, not just in this class, but in our other subjects too. My personal point of view is that this gets other colleagues involved.”