

# Hull School first to meet new employability standard

A secondary school in Hull has been successful in meeting an important national standard in how best to develop young people for their future working lives.

[Malet Lambert](#) has become the first school in the country to become accredited with IEBE's Business Ready™, the new employability standard for schools. A co-educational comprehensive community school and specialist Language College for young people aged 11-16, most of Malet Lambert's 1,400 students live in the central area of East Hull. It has a team 160 teaching and support staff and has recently completed a significant refurbishment under the Building Schools for the Future scheme (BSF).

With more than one million 16-24 year-olds out of work, the provision of high quality employability learning for young people has never been more important. Being Business Ready™ means schools relationships with businesses can have greater impact on young people's learning and employability, making this transition as smooth and effective as possible.

As Stephen Logan, Business Champion at the school and [Hull's Enterprising Teacher of the Year 2011](#) explains, the decision to apply for the accreditation was a simple one:

*"At Malet Lambert we are committed to employability, enterprise education and global careers ambitions for all our learners. We believe having students better prepared for the world of work is a necessary part of being a good school. Our main aim is to enrich students experience and develop employability skills that will help students achieve in their core subjects, from Year 7 right through to Year 11."*

In securing the award, the school was praised by the assessment team for its "strategic approach to employability", with strong leadership by the governing body and Headteacher. This approach, according to the assessor combined with a "meticulous approach to planning and delivery", ensured a wide range of activities and events with as many students as possible could be undertaken.

Speaking about their success, Jane Disbrey, Headteacher said:

*"Students at our school have access to a team of outstanding teachers, and social and economic networks which put them face to face with their employers of the future. Being Business Ready™ will enable us to ensure we provide an excellent standard for preparing students for the world of work and developing those vital employability skills. And of course, we're absolutely delighted to be the first school to achieve this important award."*

This term's employability activities are already underway, with students planning their participation in [Hull Digital Live 2012](#) and [Global Entrepreneurship Week](#). And plans are also being made for a school-hosted event as part of [Business Week 2013](#).

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