

Flashbang Science Holiday Clubs at QEGS for all budding Junior Scientists

Flashbang Science has joined forces with Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School to engage 7-10 year olds in a summer school programme that shows them that science subjects are fun, exciting and extremely enjoyable.

Claire Holt, who heads up Flashbang Science is delighted that she and her team at Flashbang Science will be working alongside QEGS Blackburn this summer as they take their Holiday Club programme for primary aged school children into Blackburn.

On the weeks commencing 16th and 23rd July Flashbang will be on site with their interactive Science Laboratory. Equipped with stations for 18 pupils the mobile laboratory provides hands on practical experimentation for primary school students. Focusing on a mix of physics and chemistry.

Claire's passion as a fully qualified Chemical Engineer and extensive business experience in blue chip chemical organisations such as Fujifilm and Zeneca places her on the ideal platform to drive her belief that the science industry can be regenerated in the North West.

With over 25 years experience in a range of markets, including pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and specialist chemicals within the chemical industry, Claire also brings with her the first hand experience of a mother in how to stimulate young people's minds and interact with them whilst still learning and investigating.

Claire explains, " Industry in the North West has been held in such high esteem since the industrial revolution and one way we can progress as a society, more so under today's conditions, is to embrace our heritage and show the youngsters of today that the North West was once at the forefront of industry and can be again. The continued education of science in schools followed by the regeneration of our local communities by bringing back the industry is paramount in our children's future"

Flashbang have been working with many schools in the North West and West Yorkshire areas and to have the opportunity to work with one of the leading schools in the area is a huge boost for the team.

Claire Holt, Managing Director of Flashbang explains, "Having had such a busy year visiting Primary Schools all over the North West, we are extremely happy to be able to hold 2 weeks of our Holiday Clubs at such a fabulous

school. Science is so important and to be able to give a viable compliment to the Sports Holiday Clubs is ideal for children and parents. "

Joanna Lavelle, Foundation Director at QEGS sees the collaboration as a huge step, " Queen Elizabeth's has always enjoyed a strong reputation for the teaching of science. Our former pupils include many notable scientists and inventors such as Sir Ernest Marsden whose research proved the existence of the atomic nucleus and Dr Brian Mercer who invented a revolutionary process for the manufacture of plastic nets known as Netlon which can be seen reinforcing grass sports surfaces and garden meshes. We are delighted to support Flashbang's summer school to encourage young people to find out for themselves that science can be fun and who knows maybe the bright little seven-year old playing and learning at Flashbang's summer school in 2012 may be a future Nobel prize winner in years to come. For Lancashire to be seen once again as a leading driver in the UK's economy is what we should all be striving for and we are very much looking forward to seeing relatively new techniques and educational methods when Claire visits us this summer."

For further information and bookings please contact Claire Holt on 07802 475303

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One of the leading co-educational independent day schools in the north west, offering a first class academic and extra curricula education for boys and girls from the ages of 3 to 18.

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Lancashire based company providing an interactive and fun environment for Primary aged children in their Mobile Science Laboratory