

Bradford sixth formers win accolade for management skills

Seven post-16 students from Laisterdyke Business & Enterprise College have produced work described as 'exemplary' for a qualification in Team Leadership. The students were the first in the school to tackle the Studyflex course by the Chartered Management Institute, which equips them with a management qualification alongside their core A level studies.



Studyflex director Peter Thorp said: 'I have rarely seen such a high standard of assignment and also application of knowledge, contextualised correctly - ever. They are absolutely fantastic and deserve high praise indeed.'

The course requires students to prepare a business-style report about a business case study. Although Studyflex provides general case studies, the students from Laisterdyke looked at real team management issues in local firms as part of their studies, including Cafe Zouk and Accent Group - both of whom sent senior managers to meet the students. Some of the students also discussed their own experience of part-time work in their reports.

Peter Thorp, who travelled up from Watford to present the students with their certificates, comments: 'We really like the way the school has been willing to develop the course to make it relevant, realistic and connected to the local business world. The school even experimented with assessment methods, allowing students to video record their assignment as a business presentation, rather than produce a business report. The Chartered Management Institute were really impressed and we are now looking at the possibility of developing this method of assessment.'

