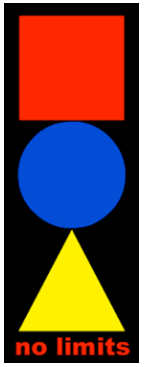




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Ashfield Mansfield Bolsover



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STUDENTS FACING THEIR OWN 'DRAGONS' DEN!

Students from six of the region's secondary schools will be facing their very own 'Dragons Den' this Friday, as part of Enterprise Week.

In the same way that the real-life 'Dragons' in BBC Two's popular venture capitalist programme 'Dragons' Den' interrogate people about their business ideas, teams of four students from schools in Ashfield, Bolsover and Mansfield will be hoping they fare better in front of a team of local 'dragons'.

They will pit their wits – and business acumen – against each other and one lucky winning team will walk away with £250 for their school.

The event, to be held at The Innovate Centre, Mansfield, from 9.15am – 3.30pm on November 16, is part of Enterprise Week - an annual, UK-wide week of activities designed to inspire young people into turning their business ideas into reality.

Joint organisers, the Alliance for Enterprise Exchange and Mansfield-based **no limits**, are hoping to inspire the local young entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

Said **no limits** Sarah Longmead: "Enterprise week plays a big part in encouraging young people to dare to turn their ideas into reality. It is a real opportunity for students to pressure-test their innovation and enterprise skills."

Over half a million students nationwide will be involved in Enterprise Week. Last year, around 34,000 people under the age of 25 took the plunge and set up their own business.

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Note: The schools taking part are: Sutton Centre Community College and The Holgate School in Ashfield, The Bolsover School and Shirebrook School in Bolsover and Queen Elizabeth's Endowed School and The Manor School in Mansfield.

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