

PROUD PARENTS CELEBRATE WITH OUR PROUD STUDENTS!

The first ever Celebration Evening for The Langtree Challenge



'Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm. This is why I've been so very keen on The Langtree Challenge'.

Ben Stodolnic, Silver award winner.

Senior Staff at Langtree welcomed some very proud parents last night at the very first celebration event of the new Langtree Challenge award. The Langtree Challenge, introduced in September 2014, is a new initiative to recognise and celebrate achievement outside the classroom, in team work, sport, extra-curricular activities and community projects. The Challenge has been designed to reward characteristics such as independence, resilience, creativity, communication skills, team work, initiative and self-confidence, as we all recognise that these life skills will be critical to our students' success and employability in their lives after Langtree.



David Taylor from BP, Richard Ford and Eleanor Flood from Invesco with our Silver Award winners

Consequently, we are delighted that two major business partners, BP and Invesco Perpetual, have endorsed the Challenge and that representatives from both companies attended the celebration last night in order to congratulate the students on their achievements.

Eighty eight students were awarded the Bronze award at the celebration evening, with nine students achieving Silver. Others are busily working towards the Gold award, and senior staff will be interviewing these candidates before the end of the academic year in order to validate the evidence presented. It is hoped that the next celebration event will recognise achievement at all three levels.



Our 88 Challenge winners with staff from BP and Invesco Perpetual

We were delighted that our business partners were keen to reaffirm their support for the Challenge at the celebration. Representatives from Invesco Perpetual Eleanor Flood and Richard Ford – both ex-students of Langtree – spoke about their support for the scheme. They were also joined by David Taylor from BP, who explained the reasons for BP's endorsement of The Langtree Challenge as well as more than 250 hours of support the company has provided to Langtree in developing the STEM agenda at Langtree.

The most important presentations however came from the students themselves. Alex Ostridge, Rosie Turtle and Ben Stodolnic all volunteered to speak about their reasons for becoming involved in the Challenge, and their enjoyment of the activities. It was extremely gratifying to hear how much this process is valued by the participants themselves and just how much they had all valued being involved. As Alex put it 'I think other schools will want to launch a Challenge of their own when they find out what we have been doing!'

Our hope is that the first ever celebration event will encourage many other students to take up the Challenge for Bronze, Silver and Gold!



Ben Stodolnic, Alex Ostridge and Rosie Turtle with Bronze and Silver awards, after addressing the audience of parents