

Activity/ Project Outline

Title of activity/project	INVESTMENT CHALLENGE
<p>Brief Description of activity</p> <p>Students will feel the real pressure and stress of working with the Stock Exchange when they participate in the Investment Challenge. This event can be organised at your school for a classroom of 20 to 30 students or a whole year group. Irrespective of ability and intelligence all students can enjoy this educational resource and learn about Personal and Business Finance. Working in teams of 4-6 students they will learn about how stock is generated through to the selling and buying shares. With the use of Newspapers, Radio News Bulletins and constantly changing information screen the Stock Market simulation activity provides students with an exciting team role play. Working in teams with £100,000 to invest, students will trade for a period of one and five simulated days in order to become the winning group. The Investment Challenge not only provides students with the opportunity to learn about the financial market place, but gain valuable skills in Communication, Decision Making, Risk Management, Research, Analysing Information, and Enterprise. To learn about running this electrifying and dynamic activity at your school or College please contact either your Solent Skill Quest Account Manager or Robin Smith</p>	
Target Group- Key Stage	<p>Key Stage 3 or 4</p> <p>The activity is suitable for those who are Gifted and Talented through to those students who are projected to achieve GSCE 'D/E' grades</p>
Activity /project aim:	<p>Through participation and understanding of financial Information from both Personal and Business perspective students will be more aware of the commercial and financial world and therefore able to make better judgements and decisions regarding Financial Investment & Risk Management</p>
<p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the principles of Shares/Equities and the Stock Markets and be able to make investment judgement from a Personal and Business perspective. 2. Evaluate and Analyse business and enterprise information from various communication sources such as Television, Radio, Newspaper and Company Annual Reports 3. Develop an awareness of business and financial industries and assist with the understanding of relevant terminology. 	
Enterprise Capability, Financial Literacy and Economic & Business	

Understanding:	
Work-Related Learning & Every Child Matters:	
Links to Curriculum:	
Requirements	
Space allocation	<p>Up to 25 students: A classroom</p> <p>For 25+ students then a Sports or Assembly Hall is recommended.</p> <p>Alternatively multiple classrooms can be used but this increases the requirement for Computing & Display equipment</p>
Equipment and facilities	<p>For each room used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projection Screen – Data visible from all areas of room by students • PC Projector 1 x Laptop Computer with following specification: Processor – Pentium 3 or higher Operating System - Windows XP or Higher RAM – 256MB Resolution – 1024 x 768 Audio – Sound Card Software – Flash Player 7.0 • Audio Speakers – suitable for size of Room and number of students • An Additional Laptop Computer per 25 students No Audio or Flash Player requirement
Materials	<p>Solent Skill Quest will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment Challenge software • PowerPoint Presentation – How the Stock Market works • Transaction Sheets • Cash Flow Statement (Blanks) • Share Certificates <p>Laptop computers may be available if requested</p>
Capacity	<p>The capacity of the event is dependent on the space & equipment available.</p> <p>Solent Skill Quest Project Manager and School/College Co-ordinator should evaluate facilities and equipment as part of feasibility study.</p>

	The capacity of students attending the activity should never exceed 360
Duration	To maximise the learning outcomes then it is recommended that the activity has duration of a school day. However, the event can also be run for a half day where time is limited or for a double lesson lasting between 1 & 2 Hours as a taster of the financial industry.