

Case Study: Braidwood Trust School for the Deaf



Money Smart is a financial education programme aimed at 11-25 year olds who are Deaf or sight impaired. It aims to build financial capability and improve access to services, focusing on public and personal finance.

Topics include everything from budgeting and banking to fraud and spending.

Leigha, 16

I want to be honest with myself. I'm not really great at maths but I want to save for my pension so my life can be a bit easier when I get older and save money to buy my own house. I'm always with my family and we're always arguing and joking! So to have my own space in my own house is really important to me.

I will definitely remember Money Mechanics because I have some bad memories of money! I'm more aware now about it. How to save and look after it.

Today has really helped me with maths because it's made adding and subtracting more real when I'm using it in relation to tax, interest and real life money management. I want to learn more - how taxes and wages affects our lives.

I like how they taught us. I was interested, not bored, what's the next activity! Using famous people to explain spending was fun!



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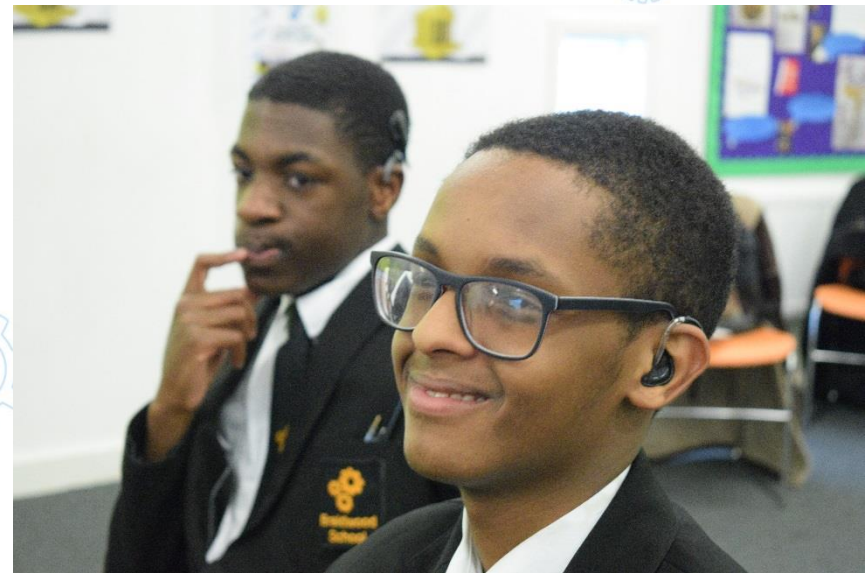


It helps me as a Maths teacher as it gives a better understanding of the concepts we're trying to teach. It creates a link between maths and the real world of percentages, interest rates and tax.

For example, by calculating government spending I can see them carefully adding and weighing up the balances and what they mean. It brings it to life really and because the teachers were deaf, it gave our students an extra edge to access something – it wouldn't have been as absorbing or interesting!

We're trying to prepare them for the real world.

Money Mechanics spoke to them about what future has in store for them. Not just giving them a better understanding of what they are entitled to but also jobs, how much do you think they get paid? They made it all realistic. It's added a lot of value."



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