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YOUNG ENTERPRISE

On Wednesday of this week I attended a special presentation on Young enterprise. It was so exciting that we felt you should hear about it. Indeed, David Young described it as the most impressive event he had seen since he entered politics.

17,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 19 are given enterprise experience by running their own companies (800 of these last a year). They are supervised and sponsored by Industry and Commerce. 1,000 schools are involved - sadly, mostly private schools. I asked one pupil from a Croydon school if the local comprehensive was involved. She replied: "Oh no, the teachers there are against this. They don't like profit."

Fortunately, these young people valued the experience. They even sold 25p shares to classmates and many paid dividends, one at 200%!



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