Ayrshire pupils are top class

Keen fourth, fifth and sixth year pupils from 12 secondary schools from all over Ayrshire took the opportunity to find out more about careers in the NHS at a special ‘Awareness Day’ at University Hospital Ayr on Thursday 24 September 2015.

The event is one of several initiatives and programmes through which NHS Ayrshire & Arran supports local schools.

In total, 120 pupils attended the event, while a further 12 schools will send 120 pupils to a similar event at University Hospital Crosshouse on Monday 23 November 2015.

Staff from a wide range of departments were on hand to talk about the work they do, including:

- Addiction services;
- Allied Health Professions;
- Catering services;
- Domestic services;
- Healthcare science;
- Medicine;
- Nursing;
- Dentistry;
- Pharmacy; and
- Psychology.

The pupils took part in interactive information sessions and competed in an Inter-Schools Challenge.

Belmont Academy emerged victorious at the end of the morning session, while Kyle Academy took the title in the afternoon. Both received a trophy donated by Balfour Beatty, which was awarded by Dr Martin Cheyne, Chairman of Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board.
Dr Cheyne, commented: “I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in making this such a successful day. We hope that these young people found the day worthwhile and realised the variety of careers available in the NHS.

“I look forward to seeing some of these young people in a few years' time as employees of NHS Ayrshire & Arran.”

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Photographs: 300915belmont: The winners of the morning session, Belmont Academy, receive their trophy from Dr Martin Cheyne, Chairman of Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board.

300915kyle: Pupils from Kyle Academy receive their trophy from Dr Martin Cheyne, Chairman of Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board for winning the afternoon session of the inter-schools challenge.

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