## Local Sixth Formers Give A Lesson In Money Management



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A group of economics students from <u>St Aidan's & St John Fisher's</u> <u>Associated Sixth Form</u> in Harrogate, took up a challenge thrown down by Yorkshire-based <u>Engage Mutual</u> to help improve local young children's understanding of saving on Thursday 25 February.

The sixth formers developed and delivered a morning of fun and interactive lessons around saving and money to a Year Two pupil group comprising 73 delighted six and seven year olds, from Oatlands Infant School in Harrogate.

Head at Oatlands Infant School, Elizabeth Robson, commented:

"This project has been an exciting way of giving our children an introduction to the importance of saving and working with money-both vital life skills. It has been great for them to have this delivered by the Sixth Form students in such a fun and interesting manner."

Part of a wider initiative to improve financial capability, the sixth formers have been improving their own money knowledge, having recently completed a course in their free time run by Engage Mutual at their offices. The course concludes with a challenge for the sixth formers to take an element of what they have learned and communicate it to a younger audience in a fun and interesting way.

## Engage Mutual Chief Executive, Andrew Haigh said:

"Where better to start helping families and future generations secure

their financial futures, than with children? Working with schools is an incredibly valuable and informative experience for us. We always learn a great deal from the clarity and simplicity that young people can bring to communicating quite complex financial issues."

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1. The Foundation in Financial Services & Money Management is a nine week course providing grounding in issues such as budgeting, cash flow, debt, mortgages and loans, protection and investments. For the students, who are on the verge of post 6th form lives centred on university and work, it is an opportunity to learn more about the world of money that is awaiting them.

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