

## **THE PRIORY SCHOOL, LEWES**

### **Business Studies - Takeover Day**

On the 23rd of November, 2012 the Business Studies students of Priory School in Lewes attended a takeover day at the Phoenix Ironworks building site owned by a business called The Santon Group.

First of all we were introduced to The Santon Group inside their office building where they gave us a brief history of the building sites they had previously worked on. We were then taken on a very informative tour of the site in which we were guided through the miscellaneous abandoned warehouses. In one of the warehouses an indoor skate park was in mid-development and the builders allowed us a quick look inside to observe their progress. In the following warehouse a garden centre was being constructed, and this gave us the impression that there would be a conveniently wide variety of services available upon completion. We were then taken to the riverbank where we could accurately distinguish the land owned by The Santon Group, after which we returned to the previously mentioned office building where we created a collage of pictures and articles removed from magazines that expressed some of the changes we would like to see exercised in Lewes.

We were requested to present our work to the rest of our group and the staff, which was understandably an important process as public speaking is a key skill in business. After the presentation we returned to our tables where we used tracing paper over a map of Lewes to draw out specific plans for how we would change the town and what we would add. For example, our group decided upon a route from Cliffe Bridge to Willey's Bridge that would have a number of shops along it as well as a flood wall featuring art from the community in a style not dissimilar to the artwork on the blue bridge that was provided by students from Priory School. This wall would protect Phoenix Ironworks from potential flooding as well as being fairly aesthetically pleasing. This riverside path would house a bike lane and would make getting from one side of Lewes to the other significantly easier. Once we had finished this final task we presented our ideas to our group and after that we returned to school.

This was a highly informative day as it provided us with an insight into the complex world of business and how, as students, we could play an active role in the development of Lewes. Furthermore we would like to thank The Santon Group for this fantastic opportunity that they arranged for us.

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