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Local entrepreneur inspires future business leaders

Local entrepreneur Sean Gilligan, founder and owner of Keighley-based Webanywhere, has shared his story and experiences as Year 9 pupils took on an Apprentice-style challenge.

Sean was a guest at Holy Family Catholic School's Enterprise Day on 3rd July, where he explained how starting up your own business can be an exciting and rewarding career choice for school leavers.

After the presentation, the pupils were split - much like TV show *The Apprentice* - into groups. Each group had to pick a name for themselves and assign a Project Manager, who then led their team in completing a task set by Sean.

The task was to identify a problem in the school and solve it. After a brainstorming session, the

18 groups all came up with innovative and inspired ideas, including a salad bar for the school and a student support service, amongst others.

Each group presented their ideas to the school's teachers, who scored them out of 10 in the style of the Strictly Come Dancing judging panel.

The winning idea, by the group '8 Minds', was for an 'Electro-card' - a swipe card that could be used to pay for things like school dinners or trips, and could be topped up by parents, avoiding the need for cash in school.

The groups who presented the top 3 ideas were all given Webanywhere goodie bags.

Sean Gilligan said: "Enterprise Day was a great exercise for Year 9 students to generate creative business ideas. Starting your own company can be within anyone's grasp - and I hope some of these young people at Holy Family Catholic School will be business leaders for Bradford and West Yorkshire in years to come."

Established in 2003, Webanywhere is one of the UK's leading online learning companies and one of the fastest growing IT companies in Yorkshire. Currently, Webanywhere has products in over 3,500 schools worldwide, including its best selling product, School Jotter, the primary school website system.

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