



Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - March 2024 Update

We're delighted to share our latest FIDA update with you. March was another busy month, with significant progress on the accreditation of the Sustainability Diploma and a fantastic evening of James Bond music in aid of the Futures Institute building. We hope you enjoy reading more of the highlights and please [get in touch](#) should you have any questions.



FIDA Sustainability Diploma accreditation progress

The important news this month is that our Sustainability Diploma is going forward for ratification as a national qualification credit-rated at SCQF Level 6, equivalent to one Higher. This exciting development is a tribute to the hard work of our staff team and excellent support from Glasgow Clyde College and the University of Stirling. The Diploma will be piloted in the 2024-25 session with a selection of schools from across Scotland, including Dollar Academy.

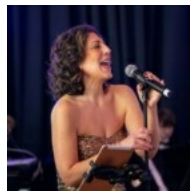
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Fundraising Update

We were delighted to receive another large donation in March; £20,000 was generously donated by a current parent who is very excited about the opportunities the Futures Institute will bring for their children and the wider school community. In addition, our Mass Appeal has reached over £22,000 with another two donations received this month of £1000 each. Donations of any size are hugely appreciated and we are so grateful for the continuing support from our school community. We would like to reiterate our sincere thanks to **all** our donors so far.

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James Bond event success!

Our inaugural fundraising event for the Futures Institute was a roaring success! Our audience were treated to iconic music from the earliest to most current James Bond films, performed by top-notch professional singers and musicians in a sell-out Gibson Auditorium. Huge thanks to everyone who came along and supported on the night. Following the overwhelmingly positive feedback received, we are working on plans for future events with the Scottish Pops Orchestra. Watch this space!

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FIDA in the press

FIDA continues to get mentioned in various press titles; helping to spread the word about the initiative and the important work we're doing at the Academy. This month, FIDA has featured in articles in the [Alloa Advertiser](#) and Stirling Observer, as well as on the national [Boarding School Association's](#) (BSA) blog, where they champion our 'pioneering educational initiative'.

[Read article here](#)



Clacks Wellbeing Hub Design Update

The Clackmannanshire Wellbeing Hub Design Competition reached its conclusion this month with a workshop for shortlisted candidates at Alloa Academy on 28th March. Professional architects and landscape architects worked with a group of 8 pupils who submitted designs for an outdoor space at the new Hub site, and a winner was selected for a work experience opportunity.

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Have you seen our latest FIDA video?

The FIDA team have produced a short video explaining the background and aspirations for the initiative, as well as providing voices from pupils who have taken part in courses so far, teachers involved in the delivery, and our industry partners. You can watch the short video by clicking below.

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Did you know?

Each of the FIDA projects is rooted in one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. But how much do you know about

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