



Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - August 2024 Update

As we embark on another academic year, FIDA continues to develop at pace. With the addition of a new school to our Diploma pilot, £100,000 in donations for the Futures Institute, and some exciting updates from previous FIDA challenges, we've had an excellent start. As always, we hope you find this month's update informative and encourage any questions or feedback. Please feel free to [contact us](#) at any time.



FIDA Diploma pilot is underway

We are very pleased to share that a further school – Our Lady & St Patrick's in Dumbarton – has joined the pilot of our new Diploma qualification. We are looking forward to hosting teachers from OLSP as well as our other six pilot schools next week for a day of training and feedback on progress so far. Forty Diploma students (around half of the student cohort) will also attend a full-day workshop led by the Enterprise Team from the University of Stirling, a key part of the course. The second group of students will attend their Enterprise session later in September.

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Wellbeing Hub work experience

Last session, FIDA partnered with Clackmannanshire Council to run the Wellbeing Hub Design Competition – a fabulous opportunity for young people across the county to contribute design ideas to Clackmannanshire's biggest infrastructure project. The judging panel, comprising members of the design team from a range of different specialisms, selected two winners – Harrison and Emma, both students at Alloa Academy. Both were offered work experience, and we are delighted to share that this week, Emma is undertaking her work experience at [JM Architects](#) and [Rankin Fraser Landscape Architects](#) in Edinburgh.

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New Tartan for Clackmannanshire

In 2022 we ran a competition for learners in S1-S6, in partnership with the Provost of Clackmannanshire Councillor Donald Balsillie, to design the county's first official tartan.

The competition winner was Ronan Anderson from Dollar Academy, and we are very proud to report that the new Tartan for Clackmannanshire has now been registered on the official Scottish Register of Tartans. Read more about Ronan's inspiration for the tartan by clicking the button below.

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Building receives major donor support

We are thrilled to announce a very generous pledge of £50,000 from a current Dollar Academy family who are inspired by - and fully believe in - our vision for the Futures Institute. This incredible support, combined with two legacy donations totaling £50,000, has made this a remarkable month for our fundraising campaign. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to support our ambitions. Your contributions are making a real difference!

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UNSDG - Goal of the Month

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

Limited progress has been made on the ambitious targets of SDG 16. Rising conflicts and violent organized crime persist around the world, causing immense human suffering and hampering sustainable development. Women, children and marginalized communities continue to make up the majority of the victims of violence, and gender parity is not achieved in political institutions.

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What our donors say...

"I was at Dollar when the Maguire building was inaugurated and I remember the excitement of being part of such a momentous occasion. I am proud to see that less than two decades later we are heading for another ambitious expansion that involves not just a campus update, but also a substantial development for curriculars, extracurriculars, and the Dollar Academy community at large."

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