

Young Enterprise Company of the Year in the Southern Area

Safe and Sound

Banbridge Academy Year 13 student company "Safe and Sound" wanted to create products that would make a difference and therefore decided to tackle the issue of personal safety. After hearing many news reports of attacks they decided to create products that take positive steps towards a safer future for all. They designed, manufactured, and produced Stop Spiking Scrunchies, which have a hidden drinks cover to keep nights out safe from spiking. They also sold Personal Protection Alarms and Protective Portable Door Locks.

They reached out to the local community through social media pages and through trade fairs. Their products were placed in many local shops and restaurants including the Downshire Arms & Harry's Bar in Banbridge and Barrell and Bean in Dromore. Safe and Sound were overwhelmed by how enthusiastic local businesses were about their products and are so thankful that they supported them on their Young Enterprise Journey. They also made contact with ABC Council PCSP officers Lynette Cooke and William Stewart, who very kindly met to discuss their products and how they



could positively impact the local community. Their hard work ethic and sales skills gained them the award for "Company of the Year" in the Southern Area.



Centre of Excellence Award

Banbridge Academy were delighted to be one of six schools in Northern Ireland to receive their Centre of Excellence Award from Young Enterprise NI at the Titanic, Belfast. The award recognises the commitment by colleagues across the school to Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Education.

Young Enterprise NI Assessment

Well done to the 31 of our Year 13 Young Enterprise students who completed an assessment that was examined by the University of Ulster Business School. 15 passed with Distinction. Lara Crothers was one of the top 3 students in NI in the YE/Ulster University Assessment.

