

DIGIMAP FOR SCHOOLS CELEBRATES

Digimap for Schools is celebrating its first birthday with a new free mystery map challenge allowing pupils to identify hidden locations using key geographic information. The monthly challenge aims to encourage teachers and pupils to discuss geographical features and identify the mystery location. Teachers and pupils can post their answers on the Digimap for Schools blog and get the answers on Twitter. Digimap for Schools is an online application, developed by EDINA(www.edina.ac.uk/), that gives schools easy access to a wide range of mapping from Ordnance Survey (www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk) using a simple login and password. The service is available to all pupils regardless of age. It allows schools to access a variety of mapping scales including Ordnance Survey's most detailed OS. MasterMap www.digimapforschools.blogspot.edina.ac.uk/mystery_maps



SPONSORSHIP FOR ABERYSTWYTHY

Environment Systems is sponsoring a number of post-graduate courses at Aberystwyth University as part of its ongoing commitment to higher-education. In the 2011/12 academic year Environment systems will be sponsoring four one-year scholarships and an existing three-year PhD course. The scholarships are part of the Access to Masters (ATM) and Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarships (KESS) programme, part-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) through the Welsh Government and with Environment Systems acting as the external partner. The bursaries include tuition fees plus living expenses and are for three places on the MSC course in Remote Sensing and GIS, and a PhD course that focuses on developing key skills in human geography for creative GIS and visualisation. More information at: www.envsys.co.uk



Paul Burrows, HDS Technical Representative from Leica Geosystems demonstrating High Definition Surveying to a group of 13 year old students from Burnley

LEICA GEOSYSTEMS SUPPORTS CLASS OF YOUR OWN® INITIATIVE

Leica Geosystems is supporting and partnering with the Class of Your Own (COYO) initiative to raise the profile of architecture, engineering and professional construction careers in UK schools

Aimed to inspire young people into the industry, **COYO** provides a hands-on and focused Edexcel accredited Key Stage 3 project based curriculum to challenge young learners to design, engineer and construct in the Built Environment.

Alison Watson, Co Founder of COYO comments "Young people spend all day in buildings, be it in school, at home, or their local shopping centre. They see new buildings springing up all around them wherever they go, but we're finding that they really don't appreciate the wide range of careers available to them and are largely misinformed. Furthermore, they might have heard about sustainability and know of some key environmental issues but don't understand how these relate to the buildings they inhabit. If we can encourage them to see the industry as a thoroughly exciting place to be, they are

well placed to contribute to the demanding tasks as the next generation of construction professionals."

David Price, Managing Director, **Leica Geosystems Ltd** added, "Class of Your Own is a unique programme offering young people a chance to experience the excitement, the buzz and the pride of working in our industry. We are proud to be able to support such a ground-breaking cause, to not only help raise the profile of the industry and inspire a new generation of people to enter the profession, but also provide students with an authentic sense of project ownership and inclusion. In addition to providing access to our technology, but we're also funding a COYO curriculum locally in Milton Keynes."

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ISOTRAK INVESTS IN THE FUTURE

Leading telematics and systems integration specialist, **Isotrak**, is supporting a new National IT Partnership (NiTP) scheme for young apprentices. The Advanced IT apprenticeship in IT and Telecoms scheme applies to 16-18 year olds looking for a career in the IT industry and comprises contact time within well-established colleges throughout the UK. Isotrak is hosting a young apprentice for a seven-month

period where he is gaining real experience and training from other IT businesses which he visits on alternate weeks for one week at a time. "We are confident that at the end of the apprenticeship period, the process will have produced a valuable member of the Isotrak technical team," commented Phil Moran, Operations Director at Isotrak.
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