

# SCHOOLS DO THE BUSINESS

Now all kids can learn more about world of work

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**EVERY Renfrewshire school has become a member of the Chamber of Commerce.**

Now an innovative agreement will allow schools to work more closely with businesses in the area and provide opportunities for youngsters to learn more about the world of work.

The partnership will mean every pupil in Renfrewshire will have access to the organisation's website, members directory and allow them free attendance to chamber events.

Schools will also be able to build up contact with employers who may be able to contribute to the curriculum and support school enterprise initiatives.

Councillor Lorraine Cameron, Convener of Renfrewshire Council's Education Policy Board, fully supported what she saw as a "fantastic opportunity" for young people.

She said: "The aim of Curriculum for Excellence is to give school pupils a



**SIGNING UP:** Council and business leaders sign on the dotted line at Gleniffer High to seal the membership deal for pupils

broad range of educational experience that will stand them in good stead for the future, both socially and professionally.

"By entering this agreement with the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, our schools will be able to further work with the local business community to share expertise and gain valuable experience for future careers in business."

The agreement was officially signed at a ceremony at Gleniffer High School, in Paisley, attended by some of its pupils, alongside youngsters of Bushes Primary, St Catherine's Primary and Kersland School. A number of staff from other schools also attended.

The partnership signs up Renfrewshire's schools as members of the Chamber for three years and is a

key part of the schools' employer engagement strategy which aims to prepare pupils for the world of work.

Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, Bob Davidson, said: "We are delighted to be forging closer relationships with Renfrewshire schools, involving pupils of all ages and the teaching staff.

"With our access to business

personnel and information, pupils have a robust additional avenue to learn about the world of work and gain exposure to business life."

He concluded: "It's difficult for young people to know what careers to pursue or what subjects to study after leaving school, but the information and events we will assist in providing will help them to make more informed choices."