



****PRESS RELEASE****

EYR Students Attend Newsroom Bootcamp

Forty six primary and secondary students attended Newsroom Bootcamp sessions with John Young from BBC South East as part of the run up to Eastbourne Youth Radio in November.

John described what makes the news – new, novel, serious, significant, weird, wonderful, extraordinary and exclusive and discussed individual story values. Students had to prepare (and then read) news headlines whilst also reacting to breaking news and changing priorities.

Working to tight deadlines against the clock was paramount. Following this real and practical experience the students used professional autocue equipment to read, film and watch back their own news headlines.

Feedback from the sessions that supported both English teaching and Media Studies was very positive. Students said that the sessions would, “help them to be more confident”, “make my writing more meaningful” and to “listen more carefully”. This was echoed by their teachers who said that Newsroom Bootcamp had “brought the topic to life and made it REAL”. It is hoped that more students will attend in 2016 part of their annual EYR experience.

To find out more about EYR and how you can get involved, please contact Tim Sorensen at tim@sorenlearningsolutions.co.uk

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Participating Schools:

Shinewater Primary, Tollgate Community Junior, Stafford Junior, Stone Cross, Pevensy & Westham CE Primary, Ratton and The Causeway.