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Networking with schools brings business and training benefits

ACS is a specialist IT retailer and training company that works closely with the local community in many ways.

The company has recently joined the DE4L programme to help understand how education is changing in the Doncaster region and what the changes mean to it as a business.

Managing Director Mike McEwen said that having recently attended a DE4L Skills Action Group meeting, he believed the scheme not only offers an important opportunity to find out what is happening in the local education sector, but that the meetings are a great way to meet new business contacts.

He said: "I would recommend to other businesses that they should join DE4L in any way they can, whether it's attending an Action Skills Group, going on the free Effective Partnership Programme, student mentoring or sponsoring schools for the Technology Challenge which we will be doing next year."

ACS has also been working with Business and Education South Yorkshire for the past nine years offering work experience to students from various schools including The McAuley Catholic High School, Don Valley High School, Balby Carr College, Hungerhill School, Hall Cross School, Ridgewood School, North Doncaster Technology College, Doncaster School for the Deaf and Sheffield Spring Academy.

An academic maintenance contract means that ACS also works on IT solutions and computer networking for many schools including Toll Bar Primary which needed new equipment, cabling and networking following the region's devastating floods in 2007.