

Edinburgh Schools to compete in Young Consumer of the Year

Edinburgh schools are competing in this year's Young Consumer of the Year competition, which will see them battle it out in a knock out quiz, where they could go on to compete in the national final next year.

On Wednesday 14 December, teams of 16 -17 year olds will take part in the quiz that will test their knowledge on a range of consumer issues from money and credit, to keeping safe and healthy.

Schools in the capital have a proud track record in the competition with Boroughmuir High and Portobello High winning three out of the last six UK titles.

The event is being held by the City of Edinburgh Council and is part of Young Consumers of the Year coordinated by the Trading Standards Institute. This year's Edinburgh sponsors are National Museums Scotland, Edinburgh's Christmas, Cameo and Odeon Cinemas and Boots.

The aim of the event is to encourage exploration of skills, attitudes and knowledge, necessary to become an effective consumer and it supports the four capacities of education as highlighted in Curriculum for Excellence.

City Environment Leader, Cllr Robert Aldridge said: "I am delighted that the council is supporting this event, which is a great competition that helps young people become more aware of their responsibilities and rights as consumers. It also provides them with essential life skills they will need when they leave school."