

Awards ceremony for Castlebrae pupils this morning



School pupils have put down their pencils in favour of builders' tools to give Sandy's Community Centre a new path as part of Castlebrae High School's Construction Challenge.

The Lord Provost will present the pupils with certificates to congratulate them on their hard work at a special ceremony at the Community centre later this morning.

The aim of the project is to help young people interested in construction to become job ready before they leave school, while encouraging pupils to feel proud of their community and want to help improve it.

The tools and materials to build the path, which links Sandy's Community Centre to neighbouring football pitches, were provided by Hart Builders with support from voluntary organisation Action for Children.

The Lord Provost said: "The construction challenge has helped school pupils choose their own paths and learn new skills."

The school is starting a second Construction Challenge this year for pupils to build an outdoor and BBQ area to the rear of the White House in Craigmillar.

The Construction Challenge has been designed to engage young people who persistently truant.

Over a quarter of pupils on the course had been involved in

antisocial behaviour and youth offending, but while working on the construction challenge at Sandy's Community Centre, the criminal activity of the participants dropped to zero.