

Pupils help launch new College initiative



Minister for Employability and Training,
Jamie Hepburn, Edinburgh College
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Jamie Hepburn, the Minister for Employability and Training,
and 100 local school pupils helped launch Edinburgh College's
new science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)
manifesto.

It outlines how the college will deliver STEM-related
education to ensure that students are prepared for the modern
workplace, giving them better progression opportunities and
ensuring that employers get the right skills they need to grow
their business.

Guests at the launch included 100 S1 and S2 pupils from local
schools who interacted with a range of STEM activities and
experiments.

These included how to programme a robot car, using virtual
reality for welding training and the science behind bath
bombs. The pupils also learned about STEM-related career
options.

Mr Hepburn said: "We want everyone in Scotland to be supported
to develop their STEM capability and skills from their
earliest years, through school, college and university.

"The transition from education to work is an important phase
in the life of a young person.

"Therefore it is vital that our young people are given the

STEM skills they require in today's rapidly changing labour market."