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CORSEFORD SCOOPS NATIONAL AWARD FOR PERSONAL FINANCE EDUCATION

Capability Scotland's Corseford School has rounded off an excellent year after becoming the only Scottish school to take home an award at this year's RBS Personal Finance and Education Awards.

Competing against schools from all over the UK, the school won category of 'Best Cross Curricular approach' for their Personal Finance Education (PFE) programme which teaches pupils how to take responsibility for their own money.

Sue Williams, Headteacher at Corseford, said: "PFE is a vital part of learning and teaches students the value and importance of money, how to keep it safe and the consequences if it is lost or stolen.

"Parents or carers often take responsibility for the money of disabled children, but here at Corseford all of our pupils are encouraged to carry their own money and look after their personal finances. Our staff are trained to ensure that every pupil takes a role, be it by budgeting, purchasing or saving."

PFE runs throughout the culture at Corseford, involving enterprise, citizenship, personal and social development, independence skills, basic numeracy and maths. Students have

specific targets geared to their age, stage and ability, and the school runs a variety of enterprise activities which give regular real life practice in the use of money, such as running the school shop.

The RBS award ceremony took place in London last week and Corseford students Rebecca Ross and Courtney Pollock were invited along to receive the award of £1500. Using best PFE practice, Rebecca and Courtney explained that this money will go in the bank until the pupils who make up the School Council decide what to do with it.

Mark Bevan, Head of Children's Services at Capability said: "We are thrilled to have won this award and the fact that it was not a Special Educational Needs school category makes it even more of an achievement.

"We think it is very important that our pupils are not only socially and emotionally, but also financially aware to allow them to be as independent as possible."

In addition to this achievement, Corseford also just received its silver award for Eco schools. After achieving both the bronze and silver awards in one year, the school will be aiming for its green flag next year.

Capability Scotland campaigns with, and provides services to, disabled children and adults across Scotland, supporting them to achieve equality and have choice and control in their lives.

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