

Problem-solving in careers week



National Careers Week is our chance to focus on the importance of careers education, information, advice and guidance activities, but also acts as a reminder that key skills are being practiced every single day across all subject lessons and clubs in school, as well as at home, and are crucial for the modern world.

The week began with an assembly focusing on getting to know yourself, in terms of interests and strengths, along with the need to develop transferable skills for the ever-changing world of work. Practicing problem-solving skills were highlighted as a particularly important element, with employers from most career sectors stating that this was very much in-demand. Pupils were reminded that thinking in a variety of different ways absolutely enhances the range of problem-solving skills, and that many employers are now actually seeking neurodiverse thinkers for their roles and organisations.

The theme was continued within PSHE lessons across the week with older pupils trying out the rather fiendishly tricky '*Who owns the Shark?*' activity. This involved using a series of clues to solve a very intricate puzzle, testing teamworking and communications skills as well as problem-solving. Pupils also registered for our new careers platform, Unifrog and completed profiling quizzes as well as adding extra-curricular activities to their locker areas, including all the skills these activities were developing.

Form time on Tuesday gave pupils across High School another opportunity to problem-solve by attempting a range of lateral thinking puzzles, including a complex and intricate example from the intelligence agency, GCHQ!

Look out for the next edition of our new careers newsletter dropping into your email boxes shortly. As always, please contact me in school if you would like to discuss any career matters further.

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