

Lower 3 take on job roles on careers day



On Tuesday Lower 3 pupils spent the day widening their awareness of all kinds of job roles, both current as well as potential jobs for the future when they will be entering the workplace. We also considered job and skills, patterns within families, and why job roles and careers might be developing and changing, and how gender is no longer a barrier to any opportunities.

During the afternoon pupils had the opportunity to practice essential transferrable skills, such as listening, teamworking, communicating in different ways, and developing information and digital literacy skills by using good-quality and trusted careers websites. All pupils had a job role preparing for our special guests at the end of the day. Journalists and researchers got to work investigating this career option and creating a range of interesting questions. The interior designers re-arranged the library to form a comfortable space for the visitors and their audience, whilst photographers collected the school camera and set to work practicing and planning shots. All this activity was coordinated by the Event Managers who calmly liaised with all of the different areas to ensure that we were ready for our visitors on time.

Our Marketing Managers even managed to find time to plan and write a thought-provoking article ready for the Newsletter describing their experiences of the day which you can read at the end of this article.

Our visitors from the construction company Tilbury Douglas enjoyed answering the journalists' wide-ranging questions and described their own career pathways and roles. Maisy and Lexie are currently undertaking apprenticeship programmes as quantity surveyors, and they talked about the advantages of this route as it allowed them to develop real skills in the work place, have some time for study at university, whilst also earning a salary. They

emphasised that a range of skills are required, such as communication and listening skills, and that jobs they had undertaken when they were younger helped to develop these skills as well as their confidence in working with different people.

Thanks to all pupils in Lower 3 for their enthusiasm throughout the day, for Mrs Font's calm and insightful support, and of course, to our visitors from Tilbury Douglas who provided a real insight into quantity surveying and apprenticeships.

Mrs Marlene Sharrock

Newsletter article from the Lower 3 'Marketing Managers'

Lower 3 had a blast on careers day. We worked hard to complete a range of tasks that revolved around varied careers, completed activities that involved teamwork and communication. From playing Top Trumps, to creating a career family tree, this provided a valuable insight into a number of career pathways.

In the afternoon, Lower 3 had to prepare for our special guests. Splitting into groups, we were given job roles which included marketing managers, researchers, photographers, journalists, interior designers and event planners. Each group had certain tasks to follow, all of which were different, building on their previous skills.

We anxiously awaited the arrival of a Quantity Surveyor, researchers who manage the financial aspects of a project. The guests were insightful and informative and we learnt a lot about the job role.

We would like to thank Mrs Sharrock and Mrs Font for organising a wonderful careers day.

Pavan, Gabriel and Jai (pupil Marketing Managers on the day)