# Saint John Wall Catholic School A Catholic School For All



Mission Statement
'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'



Date: Friday 11 March 2022

Issue 23 Weekly Information Bulletin

Catholic Life - This year 's theme is based on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)

Termly theme: Achievement (rocky soil)

Termly SJW values – Learned and Wise

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. We pray for peace around the world, today and every day. Amen.

#### **Important Dates to Note**

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- Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations
   Wednesday 9 March to Wednesday 16 March 2022
- Millennium Point Trip Year 10 and 11 (12 pupils)
   Friday 25 March 2022 9.30am to 1pm
- Year 11 Parents' Evening
   Wednesday 30 March 2022 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- Year 8 and Year 9 Parents' Afternoon Thursday 7 April 2022
- Easter Holiday
   Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022

#### **National Careers Week**

This week at Saint John Wall we celebrated National Careers Week. Pupils experienced different vocation opportunities to help them reflect about where they are in their journey to hear and respond to what God is calling them to be. They learnt about what their next steps could be as well as being challenged to think about different career opportunities and different routes to get there.

We know that not all pupils know for sure what they want to do after Year 11, but days like this allow pupils the chance to experience different employers, post-16 providers and find out from visitors what it is like to work or study in their settings. Thankyou to all the visitors who attended school and contributed to today's events.











#### **Catholic Life**

#### **SVP Youth**



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#### **Our New Youth SVP Presidents**

Our two groups have nominated a leader who will organise projects across the school for pupils and staff to engage in. Over the coming term, the Youth SVP are focusing on the refugee crisis, and the urgent need to create safe and welcoming spaces for the most vulnerable people in our world.

Congratulations to Africa Beauty Garcia George and Miradi Pembele for winning the elections!

"It's nice to be leading something with good intentions. When you know you are doing something to help others it makes you feel good, like a decent person." By Miradi Pembele

"I can connect with people and help those who are less fortunate." By Africa Beauty Garcia George

#### **One World Group**

Walk Against Hunger

We are walking to stamp out hunger. By doing this, we as a community will be helping children like Lombeh.

Lombeh, the third child of Amie and Borbor, was malnourished. She was so tiny that a bracelet her mother Amie bought for her at the time now fits round her thumb. Amie and Borbor left no stone unturned to find help, but to no avail. Amie saw a group of new mothers coming along the road, their babies all healthy, and asked where they had come from. They told her about the Sisters. Amie went straight there. Even though they feared there was no hope for little Lombeh, they gave her benny mix — a local weaning food. Lombeh immediately began to improve. Now, aged five, Lombeh is a lively and energetic little girl, who can't believe the stories her mother tells her about when she was a baby.

So far we have walked 36km in solidarity with children like Lombeh. Please sponsor our efforts by clicking the link below: <a href="https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/saint-john-wall-catholic-school-walk-against">https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/saint-john-wall-catholic-school-walk-against</a>

A special thank you to 9X3 (RE), 7YJ, 10X1 (RE), 7XJ, the Senior Leadership Team, Kritika Basra, Maria Tibuleac and Ivie Imadonmwinyi for all your efforts this week!











## **Support for Ukraine**

This week we have been supporting the people of Ukraine. As a school we raised £250 by encouraging staff and pupils to wear yellow and blue (colours of Ukrainian flag) to show we support peace in Ukraine. In our daily reflections this week, our prayers have also focused on the conflict in Ukraine, we have been praying as a community for all those affected by the conflict. We've been inundated with donations from our very generous and compassionate families and have managed to donate over 500 items which will be taken across Europe to refugees affected by the conflict.



























# **Support for Ukraine**















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#### **International Women's Day**

A number of Year 9 girls participated in an International Women's Day Event at Villa Park, home of Aston Villa Football Club. This national event was a celebration of girls and young women and was funded by the Premier League and Sport Relief. Our Year 9 pupils were invited along with girls and young women from different cultures and backgrounds who have all participated in the Premier League Changemakers leadership course.

As part of the event our pupils took part in a variety of tasks:

- Interactive workshops
- Empowerment/leadership/team building activities
- Meet and greet influential female role models
- A tour of the stadium
- Celebration of being a female on International Women's Day

The feedback from our pupils was very powerful and positive and I am proud to have organised this event for our pupils with the support of several Pastoral team members.

"I enjoyed meeting the women professional footballers."

#### By Amelia Wrukowska 9GOS

"I got to see a lot of girls and female role models and I felt proud."

#### By Janelle Ajayi 90WE

"I had a great time learning and participating in team building activities."

#### By Jasmeet Kaur 9GOS

"A really nice trip, so much going on and a lot of learning."

#### **By Kleopatra Cieslak JON**

"Football is important to me and I got to see and touch the Premier League trophy."

#### **By Samra Mohamed 9JON**

Finally, the feedback and message from Aston Villa Foundation, "I wanted to say a big thank you for the support to the girls to attend the International Women's Day event at Villa Park. I know the planning wasn't easy, and I really appreciate all the hard work you put in to making it happen, the girls had a great day!" **Kate Roberts** (Interventions Manager).

#### By Mr Hussain







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#### **National Careers Week in Maths**

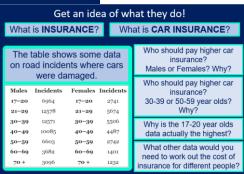
Maths have looked at a variety of careers this week, all of which involve the use of mathematics at some level.

We have looked at actuary, sound engineers, meteorologist, data scientist, and a game designer.

The pupils from all year groups have found this useful. KS4 pupils found it helpful for choosing careers, and KS3 pupils liked knowing careers for the future.

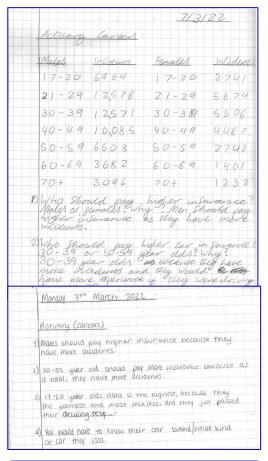
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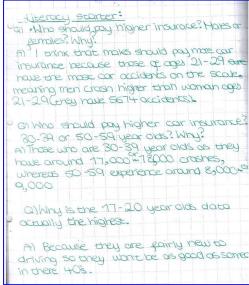






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"Over the week, our starters have included potential careers paths which include mathematics and mathematical knowledge. This was really inspirational and it made me realise the importance of maths."

By Brajesh Lal 10HAR

"In maths, we learnt about the careers of Meteorologist and Actuary. We learnt what they do and who they will work for. We also spoke about the maths they would have to do in their jobs."

By Chetan Sohal 10FOD



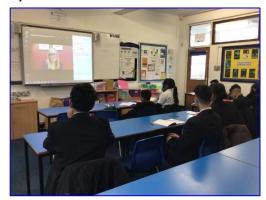
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#### **National Careers Week in English**

This week 8XW took part in careers week, pupils watched a talk and completed tasks.

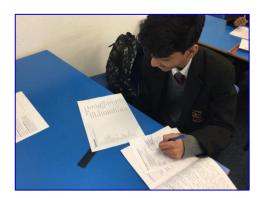
#### **By Mrs Mann**









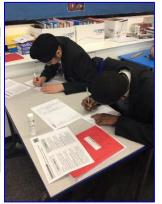


Year 10 took part in careers in English by completing tasks and watching a talk by a barrister.

**By Mrs Mann** 











Year 8 students joined in a virtual talk for the International Women's Day Broadcast. This was led by Ella d'Amato, Managing Director, Investment and CMO, True & Former Chief Commercial & Marketing Officer, Not on the High Street who talked to the students about the responsibilities and expectations of her role.



#### **By Mrs Hillier**





#### **National Careers Week in RE**

In RE this week, we focused on what God is calling us to be.

We took some time out to reflect 'All about me'. Pupils filled in a sheet answering questions about themselves to work out what God is calling them to be. They answered questions like 'What are your skills?', 'What are your talents?', 'What do you aspire to do?'.

We focused on the important fact that vocation is not strictly about the world of work, it can also include marriage, holy orders and volunteering.

As part of National Careers Week, we also celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight. We discussed the issues farmers in poverty face when trying to receive fair payment for their produce. We focused on Climate Change and the challenges that poses to farms in poorer countries. Pupils in Year 9 linked this to all their learning which focused on stewardship. We looked at how we in the UK can support Fairtrade farmers by looking out for the Fairtrade label in shops.

#### By Mr Lloyd-Price









#### **National Careers Week in Geography**

In Year 7 Geography this week we have focused on a career in meteorology, which closely relates to our current topic 'Weather and Climate in the UK'. In appreciation of International Women's Day, we chose to study the career of Lucy Martin, a BBC meteorologist.

Lucy Martin, who was born without her right forearm and hand, is the first visibly disabled BBC weather presenter. We read about how Lucy found passion for the weather, environment and geography at university and used this to pursue her career. In lesson we considered what questions we would ask Lucy about her career, such as what skills do you need for your job and how old were you when you first found passion for Geography?

Below are two examples of questions pupils in Year 7 came up with to ask Rachel Davies:

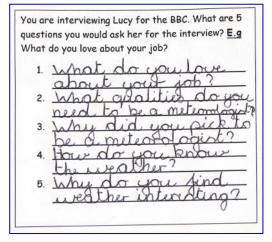
In Year 10 Geography this week we have focused on careers related to rivers as part of GCSE preparation for their Physical Geography exam. As in Year 7 we have combined National Careers Week with an appreciation of International Women's Day.

We have spent time looking at all of the job opportunities that a career studying and working with Rivers may involve. We have specifically focused on Rachel Davies, an officer at Severn Rivers Trust. Rachel has been working at Severn Rivers Trust since 2020, coordinating and running volunteer projects there.

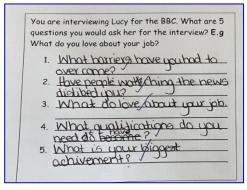
She works mainly to conserve and protect the river focusing on conservation and sustainability. She has a unique set of skills to help the look after the river and the habitat there.

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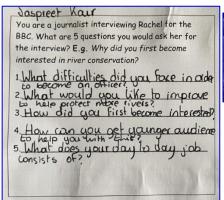




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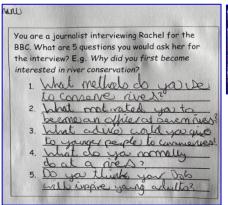


By Jaskirat Sahota 7FOR





By Jaspreet Kaur 10PAL





By Kymani Harvey 10HAR

By Mr Woodward and Mr Cockburn



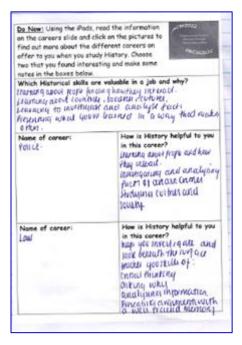




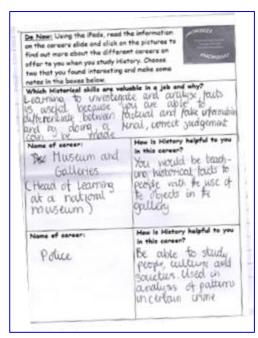


#### **National Careers Week in History**

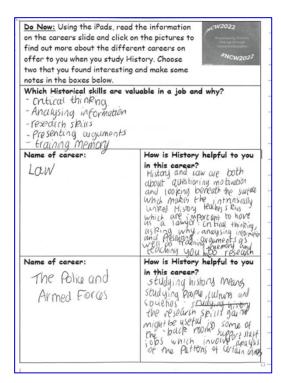
During Miss Lally's and Miss Guest's History lessons this week, pupils had the opportunity to find out why studying History can be useful to them in a variety of careers. They explored the different skills that you can acquire from the subject and how these can be transferred to future jobs. Pupils then used the iPads to research some careers. Here are a couple of examples of what pupils learnt:



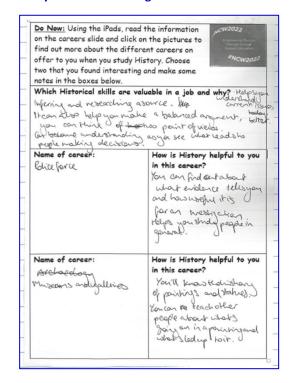
#### By Sashae Black 10FOD



#### By Ivie Imadonmwinyi 10ESM



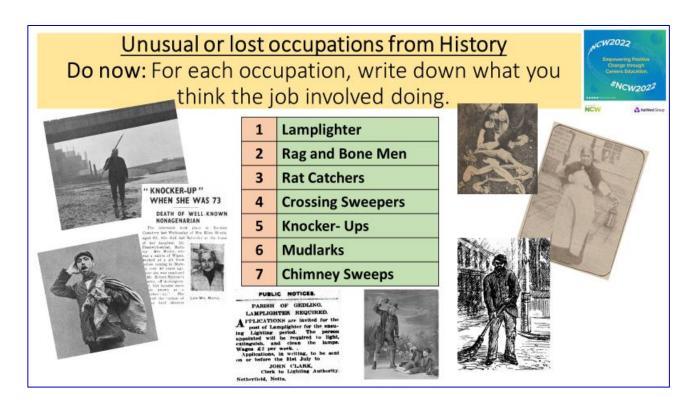
#### By Daniel McDonough 10ESM



**By Varlin Kaur 10HAB** 



Pupils in our classes also investigated some old or lost occupations from History. They had to guess what certain occupations involved. Here are the slides below:



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Lamplighter	Rag and Bone Men	Rat Catchers	Crossing Sweepers	Knocker- Ups	Mudlarks	Chimney Sweeps
Light lamps at dusk and extinguish them in the morning	Go from street to street calling for rags which he would buy and sell them on.	People who caught rats	Keep road crossing clean.	A person who was employed to wake up workers in the days before alarms.	Looking in river mud for items of value.	Cleaning out the soot from chimneys
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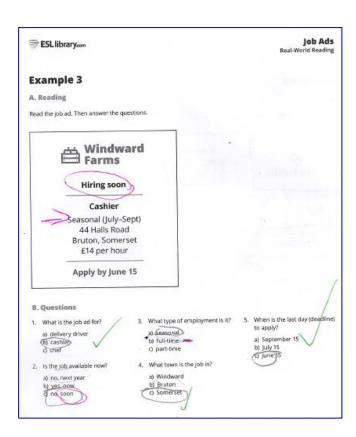
#### **National Careers Week in EAL**

As part of National careers week, we have looked at the following in the EAL department:

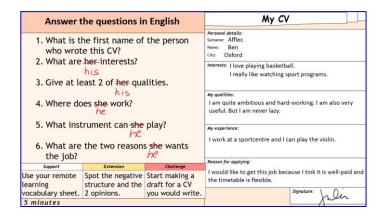
1 What are the different job opportunities and what are their names in English – discussion and guessing game.



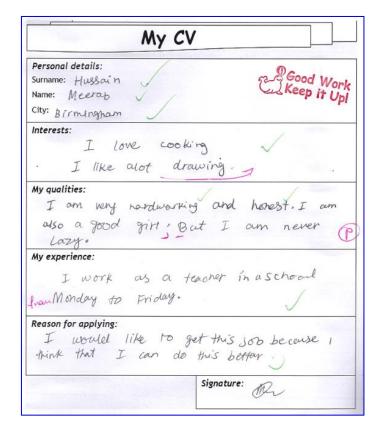
2 How to read and understand the job advert – pupils had to locate correct information in the adverts.



3 What type of information we need to write a simple CV



Pupils tried to fill in simple information on their own CV's.



**By Mrs Kawecka** 

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#### **National Careers Week in French**

"In French for National Careers Week, we did a guiz to see what job would be best for us depending on our personality. It told us at the end if we're a leader, an adviser or an artist".

#### **By Darin Diako 10ESM**

"This activity helped me as it showed me what type of job I can do. I got 120 points meaning I am a leader!"

#### By Andrea Zajacova 10FOD





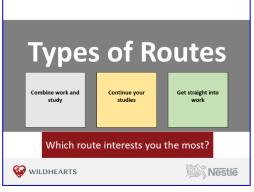


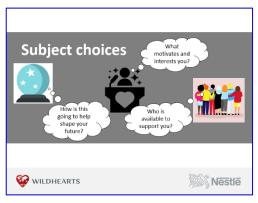
#### **National Careers Week**

As part of Careers week 9GOS were given the opportunity to attend an online employability skills workshop, presented by some of the employee mentors working at the global corporation Nestlé. The talk focused on exploring the pupils' career aspirations and reflected on why 'Subject Choices' are important. The pupils were also introduced to the different routes into work and how workplace professionals got to where they were. Pupils can look forward to 2 more employability skills sessions in the coming weeks.

#### By Mr Rathbone







**By Miss Gosselin** 



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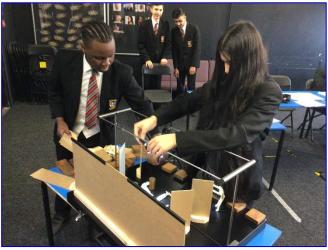


#### **National Careers Week in Drama**

In Performing Arts this week, Year 9 have been looking at the Role of the Set Designer and the range of tasks they must complete to create shows. Over the lesson, we have also been looking at the other different roles in theatre work alongside a Set Designer to produce shows. Year 9 completed research into the general roles, responsibilities and skills that are required to become a Set Designer then they were given the task to design their own set for the play 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' which is a physical theatre play. They use a 'Theatre in a box' to help practically create the designs they had done in class. It is so important for Drama pupils to understand what other job roles are out there to produce a show other than just becoming an actor.

#### **By Miss Cummings**









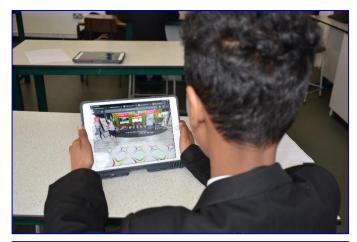




#### **National Careers Week in Science**

As part of National Careers week all pupils in Science have had the opportunity to view careers in STEM through the STEM Careers online fair. The pupils then selected a job role that interested them. The pupils then completed further research in this job role and then completed a job application form. The Science Team are going to select winners from each Year group and awards will be given for the best job application!

#### **By Mrs Bates**

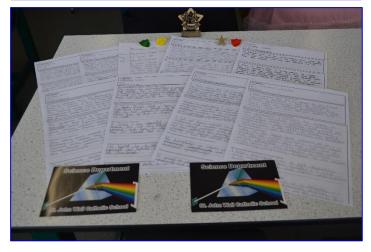














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#### AFRAH MUFLIHI SANDWELL & WEST BHAM NHS TRUST

Visited school on Monday 7 March to speak with some Year 10 and 11 pupils about midwifery.

Afrah spoke with us about her journey to being a midwife including her family's move from Yemen in the 1980s.

Afrah talked with the group about the different routes into nursing, apprenticeships, college and university, training on the job etc.

Several pupils stayed behind at the end to ask specific questions about nursing, NHS roles and tips on how to gain experience. This was a lovely opportunity to speak with someone who had worked hard to achieve her vocation.

'When taking part in this talk, I was fascinated by the career, I am very passionate in pursuing this career. I was able to ask questions to understand what the job involves.'

#### Malika Rahman 10PAR

'I was inspired by the many different things such as helping others and how this job can have a large impact on people's lives'

#### Sashae Black 10FOD

#### **By Mrs Crooks**





#### The British Army - Information for pupils

- Get stuck in with the Army Outreach Team learning Elite Skills! This outdoor session gives students a taste of Army teamwork and problem solving, with a wide range of hands-on, confidence-building activities. Up to 60 students can take part in the 1- to 2-hour sessions.
- For students keen to find out more about careers in the Army, we offer a 4-day residential work experience that focuses on developing teamwork, leadership, confidence and resilience.

#### **Bank of England**

On Tuesday we were joined by Fraser West who works for the Bank of England. He spoke about the Variety of roles in the financial service. 1 in 12 jobs in the UK are in financial services, they are pioneering new FinTech companies opportunities to progress.

Fraser informed pupils of the different entry levels. These are:

- Level 4 apprenticeships
- Degree apprenticeships
- Internships
- Industrial placements
- Graduate development programme
- African-Caribbean scholarship

www.bankofengland.co.uk/careers/why-you-should-join-us

'The presentation was very informative because it told us about the different roles you can be employed as in the Bank of England.'

#### By Rachel Ohene-Williams 10FOD

#### **By Mrs Crooks**

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### Careers at the Bank of England and in financial











#### **National Careers Week**

In our BTEC Music lessons this week as part of National Careers Week, we looked at performance and creative roles in the music industry.

We were researching what the different roles were and what their responsibilities are.

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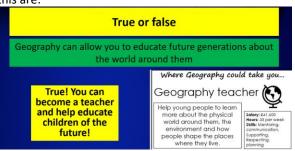
#### **By Mrs Crooks**





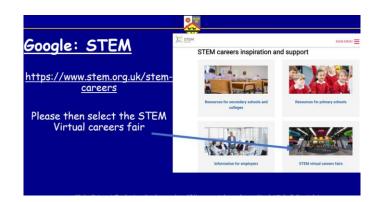


In form time each day form teachers shared information about department specific job roles. Some examples of this are:



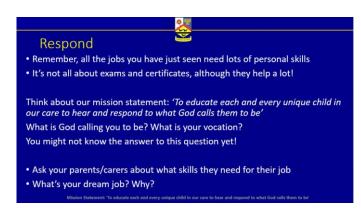






In Collective worship pupils were challenged to think of as many jobs as they could think of, right through the ages right from lamp lighters, to jobs that are at risk from being automated by technology like shelf stackers, farm workers, telephone sales. Pupils were also challenged on stereotypes by guessing pictures of people in the workplace and what their job is.

Finally pupils were given the opportunity to reflect on what they think God is calling them to be.



We were joined today by visitors from 21 different post 16 providers, companies, apprenticeships, and emergency services.

























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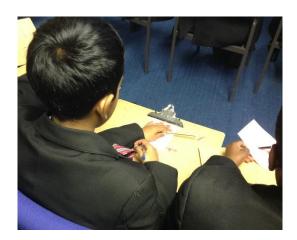




During our Values@ day pupils in Year 7 had a special focus on vocation. A guest speaker joined us from Halifax with pupils learning where money comes from – now and in the future, and how they will plan to spend and save it. They also discussed what types of digital tools are available to help manage money. Another visiting speaker came in to talk to pupils about careers in the RAF and led on teambuilding activities.

Pupils also looked into what careers of the future might look like, the importance of challenging ourselves and how to look after our own wellbeing.

**By Mrs Ellis** 















Today Year 8 have a had a great opportunity to have taster sessions in Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Travel and Tourism and Health and Social Care. This is the introduction to the Pathways process for Year 8. Next week they will have a Collective Worship to explain the process in more details. Form tutors will then begin supporting them with their Pathways choices.

**By Mrs Chand** 















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Year 9 had a fantastic day today with a variety of exciting and engaging sessions.

Pupils participated in learning about the current job market and possible jobs of the future. Pupils were informed about what employers look for in potential colleagues. The police session was a good opportunity for pupils to be made aware of the application process to join the police and the training. Pupils enjoyed the banking and fair-trade sessions, and the engagement was compelling. The pupils really enjoyed the afternoon careers fair and have a lot of information about future opportunities available and pupils will further explore this in the coming days and weeks.

By Mr Hussain





















Today Year 10 have taken part in some very exciting careers-based sessions. Sessions were based around what they want to do in the future and the importance of having a clear pathway to goals, as well as the opportunity to visit the careers fair and look into potential job prospects and post 16 education settings. Pupils would like to say a big thank you to all visitors for the insight into their careers.

**By Miss Reynolds** 













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Year 11 attended core lessons today in preparation for their mocks which continue next week. As part of our careers programme, they also attended 1-1 interviews with local business representatives and post-16 providers. At the end of the day, pupils attended our careers fair and had the opportunity to ask questions and find out more information about post-16 next steps.

By Mrs Crooks



















#### **STEM Club**

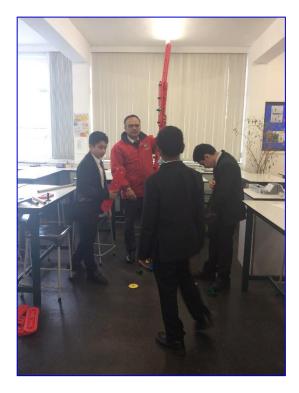
Several mTa stem kits were borrowed from **Aston University engineering academy**. These kits are very useful in allowing pupils to become creative. In the stem club pupils had the opportunity to build the tallest tower using the materials available. Pupils had to think in a creative way like engineers and build the tower.

Pupils enjoyed working as a team and had the opportunity to do something different.

#### By Mr Rahman















#### British Science Week 11th-20th March

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 11-20 March 2022! In your Science lessons you will have the opportunity to take part in activities to celebrate your practical skills.

You can also get involved at home by looking at the wide variety of activities in the links to the packs below:

https://www.britishscienceweek.org/app/uploads/2022/01/BSA BSW secondary full 1121v16.p df

https://www.britishscienceweek.org/app/uploads/2021/11/BSQ\_BSW\_PACKS\_1120\_secondary\_v\_ 14.pdf

If you would like to you could also enter the poster competition. The theme is Growth. Please click on the link below to find more information and to enter the competition.

https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/

Have fun!

Mrs Bates and the Science TEAM











### Hello, parents & quardians!

We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Birmingham City Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyles support for families.

We run BeeZee Families courses after school across Birmingham, or you could join our online courses instead. We have new groups beginning in May, click below to sign up for your family's FREE place!

Or, enrol in the BeeZee Academy - our FREE self-paced online learning portal full of useful information and tips on how to make your family healthier.



### SIGN UP HERE

to be eligible for this owesome free service, your family must live/go to school in Birmingham and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

## SALT AWARENESS WEEK

#### 14th - 18th March

Did you know that children should have no more than 3g-6g salt per day, depending on their age? That's less than a teaspoon! But with three quarters of the salt we eat hidden in the prepared foods we buy, it can be hard to keep tabs on our family's salt intake!

Making your own snacks is a great place to start. Instead of a packet of crisps, try these quick 'n' easy nacho chips! Season with flavours of your choice, or serve with hummus or salsa!

### THEYRE NACHO CHIPS! THEYRE MINE!

#### what you'll need

- Tortilla wrap (corn works best)
- · Olive or rapeseed oil
- Herbs & spices of your choice - e.g. paprika, chilli, garlic granules... |

#### what to do

- Preheat the oven to 180C/gas Mark 4
- Slice a tortilla wrap into triangles
- Lightly brush or spray with oil
- Sprinkle with chosen herbs or spices or a little salt
- Bake in the oven for about 8 minutes















