

Careers Newsletter - July 2022



Welcome to our last careers newsletter of this academic year. At the Cooper School we have many different opportunities for all our students to **'work hard'** and **'dream big'** when it comes to their futures and careers. To finish the year we want to showcase some of the events we've run in the last few weeks, with a particular focus on **Y10 Careers Week**. Careers Week will be happening annually, with a broad set of sessions and talks introducing our young people to a range of job opportunities. The key idea is to inspire and inform.

Day 1 (13th July): This started with a real bang. We had fantastic set of talks, presentations and workshops for all Y10 students. We had the Bank of England, Bicester Heritage, Ignite Sport, The Fire Service and a talk on apprenticeships from Adviza. Our students really enjoyed the breadth of experiences on offer, the number of different careers they were looking at, as well as the classic car and all the firefighters equipment!



The fantastic Mr Upstone has lots of updates to the **STEM Enrichments & Careers page**. Look for some highlights of the **Girls on Track** (an initiative managed by Motorsport UK. Its aim is to inspire, connect and showcase females in motorsport as well as STEM subjects. The Cooper School were lucky enough to be invited to take ten Year 9 girls to an event at Silverstone Circuit to learn about Europe's Formula Student programme).



For more, go here:

<https://sites.google.com/thecooperschool.co.uk/s-tem-enrichment-careers/latest-news>



Level	Industry, Employer & Location	College	Weekly Salary	Duration
L2	Customer Services Experience Simple Storage Recruitment	CC School	£100.00	12 weeks
L3	Apprenticeship Programme Retail Engineering Recruitment Retail Engineering Recruitment Retail Engineering Recruitment	CC School	£100.00	12 weeks
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Day 2 (14th July): We continued with sessions from The Navy, another apprenticeship company Intro Train, who as well as looking at hair and barbering discussed all types of apprenticeships and Bakels (manufacturers of baked goods)



As you can see students and staff really enjoyed all the free cakes that Bakels brought with them!



Careers in the Medical Profession Day. A small group of Year 9 students went to the Oxford Brookes Campus in Swindon to experience a 'careers in the medical profession' day. The day started off with a simulation of a car crash and the students were able to see the different roles played by the NHS professionals as they looked after the 'injured' from the Accident and Emergency Department, undergoing surgery and then recovering on a ward.



Our students were then able to ask questions to healthcare professionals such as social workers, junior doctors, nurses, military medics and occupational therapists. The professionals told the students how rewarding their jobs are and gave some insight into how to get into the different careers in the NHS. You can read more [here](#) and see a student write up [here](#)



We also had trips out on for Y10 students on 18th and 19th July out to a Construction college.



And we had groups of students in Y10 out on trips on 18th and 19th July out to a college for a taster of an animal care course.

Y12 work experience - Y12 spent a week out on work experience from 4th - 8th July. Mrs Post, Head of Post 16 said how pleased she was with all the students, seeing really high engagement and organisation to get the placements. She wanted to thank all the different business that got involved.

Here are two accounts. First from those who worked with the Art department, and helped set up an Art exhibition! "Throughout our work experience week, I think all three of us can agree that we have been provided the opportunity to learn and develop a variety of skills which can then be used and expanded upon throughout our lives in future. We also curated an art exhibition in the local library. By organising, producing and watching over the exhibition, we got to invest our organisational skills, and embrace as much independence, time-management, creativity and communication as possible throughout the process. Decorating the art room allowed us to use our creativity in a productive and helpful way, while putting a smile on each student's face as they see their work beautifully presented."

A second report comes about Dan Smith who was with The Fire Service. They emailed us to pass on their sincere thanks to Dan for his engagement and enthusiasm last week. They have all commented on how interested and engaged he was during the entire week, he certainly displayed our organisational values consistently during the 5 days that he spend with them.



On 18th July we had a fantastic set of sessions set up by South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS). The treated our students to a range of sessions, including some pretty hands on practice.

