



St. Michael's Middle School

Careers Newsletter

Issue 3 - Spring 2023

Welcome to Issue 3 of our Careers Newsletter

There is so much to tell you about since our last newsletter in November. We hope that your children have been coming home and telling you about all the fantastic experiences they have been involved in through our careers offer. We have welcomed several guest speakers this term including professionals from industry, commerce and the Armed Forces. Local business people have given their time to talk to us about their education and pathway to starting their own company. We have also had an introduction to some of the higher education courses available at Bournemouth University. Read on to find out more.

LUCY'S FARM COMES TO COLEHILL



In December, we were visited by Lucy Tidbury of 'Lucy's Farm' who always knew she wanted to do something to do with Art as a career. She spoke to key stage 3 pupils about her choices in education and the jobs that led her to where she is today.

"I liked the way she didn't give up on her dream". Pupil

Lucy is the owner of a shop selling her own animal themed art products. She also takes private commissions. You can find out more about Lucy and her work on her website www.lucysfarm.co.uk

AUB - Creative Careers Talk

Anna Garrett, the school outreach officer from The Arts University Bournemouth, led an assembly with our key stage 3 pupils in November.

She explored all the different courses they offer and the huge range of creative careers these can lead to. Pupils were inspired to see examples of people that went to AUB who are now having success in different careers worldwide.

ARTS
UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE
BOURNEMOUTH

"I wish we had had talks like this when we were at school. Our pupils are so lucky to be shown what a huge range of options there are for them in their future!"

St. Michael's Staff Member

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If you think you can help us with our careers education or if you have any comments or suggestions to make about our careers provision then please contact Pam Gould pgould@stmichaelsmiddle.org
Senior Leadership Team - Careers Lead and Pupil Premium Lead

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INTRODUCING OUR CAREERS ENTERPRISE ADVISOR Samantha Riley



We are delighted to announce that we now officially have our own Careers Enterprise Advisor. Following a highly engaging careers talk back in the Autumn term, Samantha Riley (Director of Manta Makes) has agreed to take on this role at St. Michael's.

Samantha will work closely with our careers lead to challenge and support us in reviewing our ever growing careers programme. We hope to develop future projects that will enable our older pupils to learn more about her business and experience it in action.

We are hugely grateful to Samantha for taking on this voluntary role. It would be wonderful if you can join us in showing our appreciation by following Manta Makes on social media and sharing her fabulous company with friends and family. Manta Makes sells a wide range of wedding gifts, baby gifts, greetings cards and creative items for other special occasions. www.mantamakes.com



HIGH FLYING COFFEE BUSINESS SHARES THE SECRET OF THEIR SUCCESS

Back in November some of our Year 8 pupils were visited by Kaye from the **Jon Egging Trust**, a charity set up in memory of the Red Arrows Pilot which offers outreach sessions to schools.

Kaye spoke to the pupils about how the Trust was founded and its mission to inspire and motivate young people. A group of year 8 pupils are now commencing a series of sessions with Jon Egging Trust supporting their communication skills, teamwork, goal setting and encouraging them to have high aspirations. These pupils will also have a visit to Bournemouth University with the Trust.

We were delighted that Jim, from **Jimmy's Iced Coffee** also came to talk about his business, based in Christchurch. He engaged pupils with his background story, how he came up with the idea for his company and how it has become the success it is now. He had wonderful words of advice and inspiration for our pupils.

*"It made me feel
that I could do
this too."*

Pupil

*"It me think
about what I may
do in the future."*

Pupil



COULD YOU HELP INSPIRE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

We are looking for opportunities and experiences to inspire our young people on their path to a future career. Please get in touch if you would be interested in being a guest speaker at a careers day or if you feel you can help in any way with our careers offer.

We are especially keen to hear from people who are currently doing or have recently completed an apprenticeship.



Please contact us for more information
pgould@stmichaelsmiddle.org

We Need Your Help



Year 7 Careers Day



Our year 7 pupils took part in our first **Careers Day** in January which links with their '**Skills and Aspirations**' unit of work in PSHE this term.

Pupils had the chance to learn more about their post 16 options including apprenticeships. They had a variety of sessions, including ICT research on jobs and careers speed talks from a variety of professionals.

Thank you to our guest speakers:

Mrs Louisa Hastings - Navy Officer

Mr Nick Thompson Brown - Firefighter

Mr Tim Sach - Chef

Mrs Lindsay Carrington - Ecologist
ecological-services.co.uk

Miss Grace Keeping - Field Studies Tutor from
Leeson House, Swanage leesonhouse.com

Mr James Hughes - IT Consultant

Our guests were extremely complimentary about our pupils engagement, their enthusiasm and the quality of the questions that they asked.



EX-NAVY OFFICER SPEAKS TO KEY STAGE THREE PUPILS

Our very own teacher, Mrs Hastings, prepared an amazingly engaging assembly about her previous career in the Royal Navy. She detailed the fascinating career paths and breadth of opportunities that working in the Navy offers.

Staff and pupils were in awe of the various deployments Mrs Hastings shared, including patrolling the seas for pirates, managing a team of marines, visiting countries such as Argentina, Dubai and most of Europe as well as dropping anchor occasionally and going for a swim, of course! It was great to discover the various routes into the Navy and we are all immensely proud of her service.

Mrs Hastings also ran an open classroom one lunchtime for Year 8's to come and ask questions and appeared as a guest speakers at our Year 7 careers day. This allowed those pupils to delve deeper into her amazing life experiences.

*"This was the best
assembly I have
ever seen!"*
Year 8 pupil



THE DORSET LABOUR MARKET

Our Year 8 Pupils had an assembly that introduced them to the meaning of the labour market which is part of their current PSHE Unit on 'Community and Careers'. Every pupil received a booklet of information which you may find interesting to look at with your child.

What is Labour Market Information (LMI)?

LMI is information about the world of work. It includes descriptions of jobs, the skills and qualifications needed and average salaries. LMI also looks at trends in the labour market.

Take a look at the website for the latest insights on the changing labour market and skills landscape assisting educators, employers, job seekers, young people and their parents in making informed decisions.

www.dorsetlep.co.uk/latest-insights



LIVE PERFORMANCE

Year 8 pupils enjoyed a performance by Enact Solutions in January. A team of actors delivered a vibrant, multi-media performance focused on aiming high and starting to think about GCSE choices whilst considering potential careers and ambitions. For more information, check out their website www.chooseoptions.co.uk

CAREERS INFORMATION ONLINE

Please check out our careers page under the 'learning' tab on our school website where there is more information about careers education at St. Michael's and also some great links to sites and resources you can explore with your child. We will be developing this page further throughout the year. www.stmichaelsmiddle.org



TALKING FUTURES - A Parents' Toolkit for Career Conversations

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Do take a look at this great website, aimed to support you in having careers conversations with your child and look together at their future choices. It will help you in understanding all the post 16 and post 18 options which have changed significantly from when we were this age! www.talkingfutures.org.uk

Coming soon...

- **Thursday 9th March** Year 8 AECC University College Careers Talk
- Whole school assembly visit from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
- **Tuesday 16th May** Year 8 Education Development Trust Transition/Career workshop (more info nearer the time)