

# Careers Newsletter 2

St Michael's Middle School - November 2022

**"Our aim is that by the end of year 8 our pupils will have knowledge of their own strengths and qualities and be able to link these to possible future education and career opportunities."**

The term has already got off to a great start with lots of opportunities for our pupils to engage in discussions about different career pathways and ideas. We still have lots more planned for this year. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome at any time and we will be asking you to complete a feedback questionnaire for us in the summer term.

## Bournemouth Uni Visit

The Schools Liaison Officer led an interactive assembly on options our pupils have for the future. She explained what apprenticeships are and the benefits of taking this route into work, dispelled common myths about university and told the pupils more about what life can be like at university. We especially enjoyed the clubs and societies emblem quiz!

**"Thank you for the warm welcome to your school. Your students are credit to you, they are all so well behaved! It was pleasure to deliver a presentation to them."** Jordan Copperthwaite



## Guest Speaker - Manta Makes



Samantha Riley, Director of Manta Makes, kindly gave up her time to tell our pupils about her business which began at her dining room table.

[www.mantamakes.com](http://www.mantamakes.com)

We especially appreciated hearing about the challenges she faced to get to where she is today.

Feedback from pupils:



"I know I want to make a business like she has one day and she has given me ideas. I just need to spend the next few years deciding what I could sell!"

"It was so interesting; it has made me realise the different things you can do."

"It was interesting hearing about her struggles before she became successful."

It was wonderful to hear that some parents and pupils contacted Samantha directly to thank her too.

**"I have to say, they were so polite and well-mannered, sitting quietly and still. I was overcome with all the questions!"** Samantha Riley

## QE - Careers Fair



We were thrilled that so many of our year 8 families chose to attend our careers fair. Fifty of our year 8 pupils attended which is incredible.

The pupils enjoyed seeing the 80+ stalls and all the options there are for their future. They also loved all the freebies!

What stood out most, was the number of apprenticeships that are on offer and how much this route into work has become an exciting alternative to university. Our pupils liked the idea of earning money whilst they learnt/gained a qualification.

## Coding Workshops



In September, fifty of our year 6 and 7 pupils took part in coding sessions organised by Dorset Council in its first ever live and interactive coding day. Pupils involved met visiting guests from local companies who were able to talk to them about their digital careers.

## Illustrator Workshops

In October, ninety of our Year 7 pupils took part in a unique day where they were introduced to three professional illustrators working across a variety of disciplines. The pupils had an amazing time, not only hearing about how the visitors' educational background led them to their chosen careers but also what it is truly like to work within the creative industries. Pupils had the opportunity to hone some new artistic skills of their own, through three engaging practical workshops run by our special guests.



## Rock Reef

When year 5 visited Rock Reef as part of their activities week, the staff working with them took the time to tell them about their own education and qualifications. They also discussed how they got their job at Rock Reef and what their job involved. The visit was not only fun filled but also gave our year 5 pupils a valuable insight into the leisure industry.



## Dorset Labour Market

Visit this link to see the latest Dorset labour market insights, designed to identify opportunities and make informed career decisions

<https://www.dorsetlep.co.uk/latest-insights>

Their interactive dashboard is updated quarterly to show labour market demand in Dorset and reveal recent industry, occupations, salary, automation and employment trends and developments.

## Coming up...

- Nov 28th: Arts University - Creative Careers talk
- Dec 9th: Military Careers Talk from Mrs Hastings
- Jan 30th: Enact - Y8 Options and Choices Drama Presentation

## Careers on our Website

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](http://www.stmichaelsmiddle.org)



### Key sectors for jobs - now and in the future




## Get in Touch

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 do contact me.

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