

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy

THIS ISSUE'S FEATURED ARTICLES:

- What's been happening at St Bede's
- Laura Pearl Case Study
- National Careers Week



A big Happy New Year from all of us here at St Bede's. This academic year is going by so fast already and we have got stuck in to a number of different careers opportunities already this year. I'd like to share with you some highlights so far.

In December our Year 10 students participated in workshops with the Medical Mavericks, a careers company focused on raising awareness of careers in healthcare. As part of the day we practiced on keyhole surgery simulators, dummy phlebotomy arms and found out whether we were still growing with the ultrasound machine. We also learned about how many different career paths exist within the NHS and what kind of grades students need to be aiming for.

In January we organised and ran our annual Work Trip Week for Year 9. The week consists of a number of careers focused trips, shortlisted by the students themselves which provide the students with an encounter of the workplace. The trips this year were Etihad Stadium, National Justice Museum, Yorkshire Wildlife Park & York Chocolate Story, and we are still in consultation with Birch Chemicals regarding a date for our fifth trip.

Also in January our Year 11 students took part in a mock interview day. We welcomed a group of employers on site with representatives from the IT industry, Civil Service, Catering and STEM companies. Each student was interviewed one to one and was able to take away written feedback about their performance. The employers were very complimentary of our students and commented on how successful the day had been. The mock interview day is a new addition to our Careers Programme, and after being so well received will remain in the curriculum moving forward.



Laura Pearl - Registered Nurse

Laura studied at St Bede's from 2004-2009 and continued her education at North Lindsey College studying Health & Social Care. Laura then continued her development in the health and social care sector by training in mental health and undertaking several job roles in healthcare within local hospital trusts.

Laura has recently qualified as a cardiology nurse, after studying adult nursing and obtaining a 2:1. As part of her role Laura supports the treatment of a range of cardiac patients and conditions. Speaking to Laura, she acknowledges that working in healthcare isn't always easy but making a difference to people is the reason she loves her work. Moving forward Laura would like to continue specialising within her field and possibly move into mentoring to support the development of her peers.



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 6TH - 10TH MARCH

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National Careers Week takes place in March every year and is an opportunity for schools to engage in careers related activity and raise the profile of careers related learning. During National Careers Week we intend to host alumni assemblies to every year group, offer classroom takeovers where employers deliver curriculum based activity and utilise our communication channels with parents and students to showcase pen portraits of our past students.

We are on the lookout for alumni that can support our efforts within National Careers Week. If you can support with any of the following please get in touch -

- Year group assemblies to show students the journey from studying at St Bede's to where you are now. What did you do right? What could you have done better?
- Workshops or demos in the classroom. Does your job link to the curriculum? Can you offer an insight into your industry via the classroom?
- Pen portraits. We need walls of fame everywhere! Can you give us a case study of what you are up to and a lovely photo to display.
- Anything else?! If you've got ideas that we haven't thought of, let us know. We love a challenge.

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