



National Careers Week (6th - 10th March 2023)

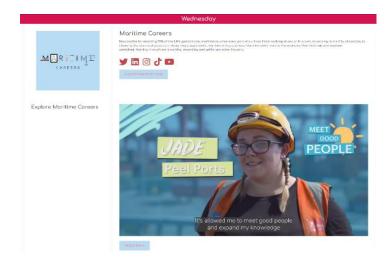
This week we have been focusing on National Careers Week at Lord Derby Academy.

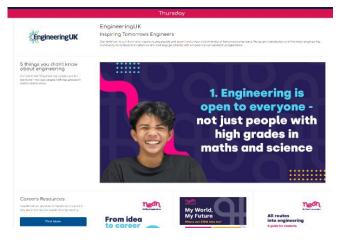
National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance across the UK with the aim of providing a focus on careers information, advice and guidance at a pivotal stage in the academic calendar, to help support our young people now and when they leave education.

As part of our engagement in National Careers Week this week, pupils have attended a 'Virtual Careers Fair' in order to raise their awareness of a whole realm of opportunities available to them post school. This included a daily presentation from a wide range of employers such as NatWest Bank, NHS, Maritime Careers, Engineering UK and the UK Space Agency. Each day they were able to watch presentations from a variety of professions and hear from employers and apprentices about their career paths and experiences, linking this to subject choices at school and beyond.



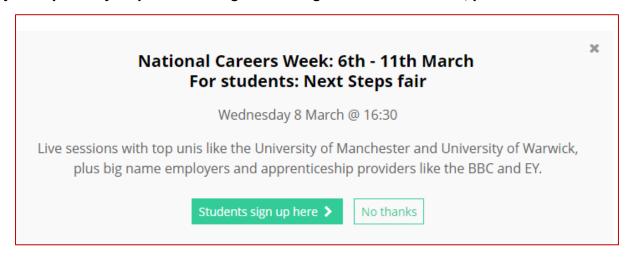






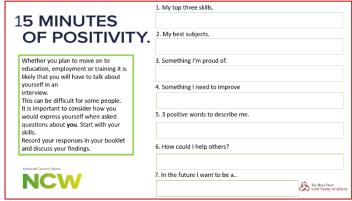
Pupils, Staff and Parents were also invited to log on Unifrog to view the 'live' sessions from big name employers and apprenticeship providers.

(If you require any help in accessing the Unifrog Platform from home, please contact school.)

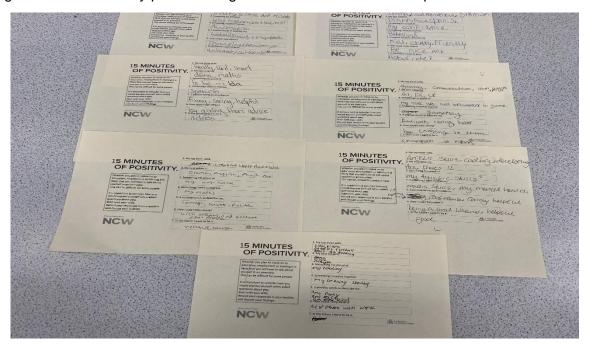


All pupils attended a 'Careers' themed assembly and discussed Careers as part of their Personal Development Curriculum (PDC) in lessons this week. This included activities such as '15 Minutes of Positivity' where they were encouraged to think about the skills they already possess, their favourite subjects, things they are proud off etc to encourage a positive outlook towards their future.





It was great to read so many positive things! Well done to all who took part in this.



Staff have shared their own personal experiences and career history by displaying posters on all office and classroom doors. This has encouraged some great conversations between staff and pupils across the school!





Healthcare Science Skills Show at Knowsley Community College

On Wednesday 8th March, we took a group of Year 10 pupils to Knowsley Community College to take part in a Healthcare Science Skills Show.

This included a 60-minute workshop/presentation, delivered by *Positively You*. The session focused on goal/target setting and making informed decisions, whilst sharing some useful revision techniques.

Pupils were also fortunate to have a presentation from *Medical Mavericks* who gave an indepth presentation on the variety of roles available within the NHS. Pupils also got to see what the inside of the human body looks like on camera! *Did you know that within the NHS there are over 350 different job roles!?*

Following this, they were invited to speak to a range of exhibitors and take part in some fun, hands on activities such as how to measure muscle strength or measure a heart rate, perform key hole surgery using a simulation device and exam a piece of spinal cord under the telescope. Some also took on the challenge of providing CPR to a young infant dummy.

This was a great opportunity for our pupils to find out about the diverse range of careers in this growing industry and hear from leading professionals. Pupils really enjoyed the trip and their conduct was impeccable as always.

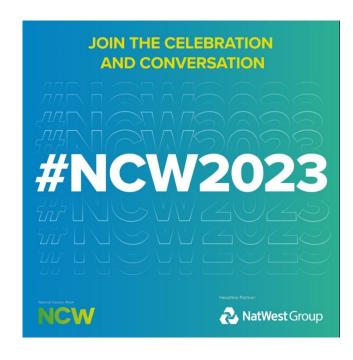












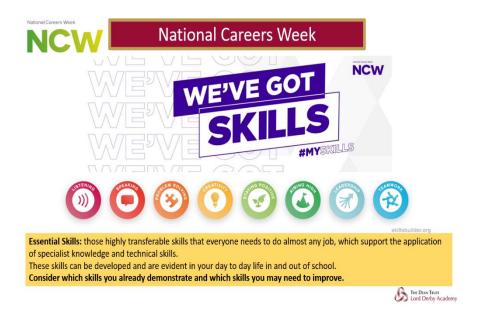
National Careers Week 2020: A Film About HOPE HD 1080p NCW 2020 on Vimeo

(https://vimeo.com/393837020)



Pupils also watched a short video entitled 'Hope'. This inspirational video aims to encourage pupils to aim high and to follow their dreams and aspirations.

We also talked about transferable skills and how these translate into the work environment.



It was fantastic to see so much engagement and enthusiasm throughout the week and we hope that you and your children found this to be a valuable and informative experience.

School Website

A wide range of information relating to Careers, information, advice and guidance is available to view on the Careers section of our school website by visiting: Careers Information Education
Advice and Guidance - Lord Derby Academy

Parents/Carers should have received an email last week which included the attached: *A Parents Guide to National Careers Week'*. If you would like a printed copy of this document, please get in touch. As always, If you require any advice or information in relation to Careers, please contact our Careers Co-Ordinator, Miss Ward or your child can book an appointment with one of our Careers Advisers, who are in school every Wednesday. We are always happy to help and to answer any questions that you or your child might have.