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New experience for everyone

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A group of seven young journalists from Hartsdown Technology College visited St Augustine's Skills Fest to find out the career opportunities available to young students with big expectations.

The teenagers, who volunteered to be reporters, interviewed other students from schools in Thanet.

The schools who came included Hartsdown, Ursuline, St George's, Marlowe Academy and Spires Academy. Josh said: We asked

The Hartsdown
young journalists



them questions about what their career choices would be when they leave school.'

Alanis said: 'The students were very polite and inter-

ested in what was going on.' The person who arranged the event for Hartsdown was Mrs. J Hewitt.

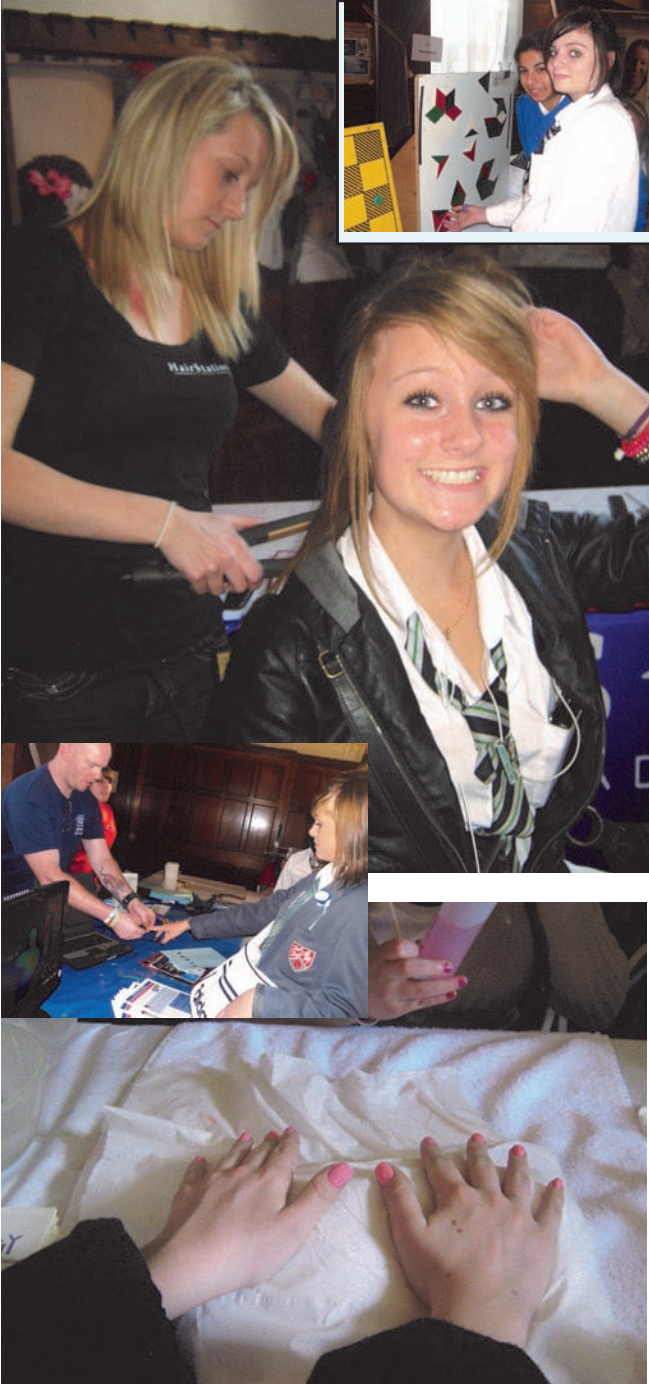
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Today we were journalists at St Augustine's and we wandered through the building of careers opportunities.

We came across JTL which stands for Joint Training Engineering and we asked them what types of jobs do they offer. Gary Humphrey replied: 'We offer apprenticeships such as plumbing and electrician.' We also asked him how much pay do you get if you were a plumber?

Gary replied: 'If you were to get into your third or fourth year, you would be earning about £8-9 an hour, and also you would be earning £150 a day and about £25,000 a year.'

We went to the Ministry Of Defence stand and they told us you could also get on a degree graduate scheme on science for 2 years. They also have their two very own colleges for defence and engineering.

We also visited the Hadlow College stand and they said "We were awarded Ofsted Outstanding!" Wow what an achievement! They have a great greenhouse, flowers and garden equipment.

We spoke to a trainee caterer who said that he is at Level 1 in food college. Meanwhile, the young journalists found out that science can be fun as the

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putty. Robyn explained: ‘The lady gave us plastic cups, put about an inch of PVA glue in it, then tipped water then food colouring into it.

‘We then stirred it with a little plastic spoon until it went quite stiff. We rubbed it together in our hands and then put it in a bag. That was it!’

We decided to make our way round to the Construction and Engineering area. We then found out in construction work you don’t need to have any GCSEs but up to five would help. You can start an apprenticeship at 16 plus. Josh said: ‘It looks very interesting and you can either do 10 weeks away or 10 weeks at



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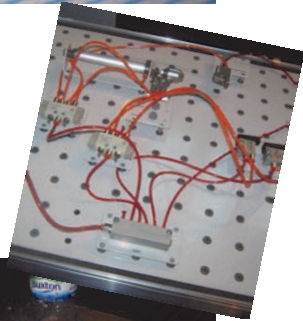
college or do the whole course at college.

Lauren and Jade had a chat to Andrea, who is training to be a hairdresser. She said: ‘Training to be a hairdresser isn’t just about styling peoples’ hair. It’s about meeting new and different people with new and weird hairstyles.’

So if you’re young and interested in taking up hairdressing then get onto Hair Station Academy and start your training!



We made putty, saw electronics in action, got some freebies and met an architect



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Meet the news team



Lisamarie, 13, said: 'I liked doing journalism—it's helped me with my options.' Robyn, 13, said: 'I was chosen to do this event and I loved it. My favourite activity was making putty. When I leave school I'd like to be a chef. This was a new experience for me.' Josh, 13, said: 'I enjoyed today. I want to be an actor because



I like acting and want to be comical.' Lauren said: 'I liked today. I want to be a hairdresser because I like to work with people's hair and meeting new people.' Jade said: 'Today was fun. I want to be a teacher because I like geography.'

Student views of the fabulous day with great events!

Megan, Lily, Phoebe



So many students came with their schools to the fun and interactive event today. We spoke to a few. Here is information about what students would like to be when they leave school and what they thought of the interesting day today: Phoebe, Age:13 School: Hartsdown. She said: 'When I leave school I would like to be a nursery worker. I would like to go to college and study working with children, Also I would like to get around 9-10 GCSEs.' Megan, Age: 13, School: Hartsdown Technology College said 'When I leave



school I would like to work in the hair and beauty industry. I would like to go to college and get around 6-7 GCSEs.'



Zoe, Age: 14 School: Ursuline College said 'I really enjoyed today, It helped me with what I want to do when I'm older. I would like to go to college to study cooking, I would like to be a chef on a cruise liner by the time I am 20 years old.' Georgia from Charles Dickens, 13, said: 'Today was all right,' while Bonnie from Hartsdown added: 'It's been good.'