

Young people speak highly of the day

The reporters spoke to students to find out their views on the day

Name: Charlotte Clarke, Y11
School: Mascalls

We got more information on careers that we wanted to do or be interested in. I'm interested in a career in child care. Everything was very good at the Skills Fest and we learnt a lot.

Name: Tom Hordle, Y11
School: The Judd School

I want to be a lawyer when I am older. I need to go to university then law conversion course. This event hasn't helped me because there are no lawyers but it's been a great day. It can help students find a career because there are loads of opportunities.

Name: Jess Beney, Y10
School: Weald of Kent

We had different and varied options about our future paths after GCSE and some possible careers out there. I've been interested in the Army and Navy. It



would be good to find out more about other careers like media.

Name: Zoe, aged 17
School: Broomhill Bank

I don't know what I want to do when I am older. I think today will help me decide. I am really interested in rock music.

Name: Rebecca, aged 17
School: Broomhill Bank

I want to be a barmaid when I am older. I think today will help me see new career paths. I am interested in cars.

Name: Rachel, aged 16
School: Broomhill Bank

I'm not sure what I want to do when I am older. I think today will help me decide. I am interested in drawing and acting.

insightful.' Laura said: 'I found it interesting. It was useful as it gave me an insight into what journalism is like.' Hannah said: 'It was very interesting for possible future careers. It's been a lovely experience.' Alice said: 'I found the experience a real eye-opener into possible career paths after GCSEs. Doing the newsletter was great work experience which may benefit my future career path.'



about the careers. I never knew what a wide range was out there. I enjoyed the journalism because it

's a good experience.' Rachel said: 'It raised my aspirations. The journalism was

Meet the news team

A team of five students from Weald of Kent Grammar created this newsletter. Here is their view on the day. Sophie said: 'I found it interesting and learnt

the Inspiration

A way to plan for a woman or man



Doors to the future..

Students investigate future careers

By Sophie, Hannah, Rachel, Laura and Alice

The Skills Fest opened a door of opportunity on the 11th October 2011, in the stylish River Centre, Tonbridge in Kent. Students made the most of the help and advice on offer to them; helping them to decide what they may like to pursue a career path in.

The rooms were peppered with stalls specializing in inspiring careers offering activities and informative leaflets. Students were engaged in sampling aspects of the job. Schools involved were those of the surrounding local area (see inside for the full list).

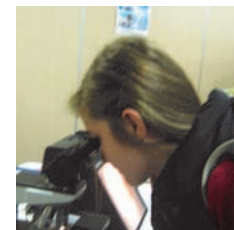
The event was organised by EBP Kent



who run events to raise job and employment aspirations. The aim of the event is to increase career prospects for students in partnership with schools. By attending the event people were contributing to the future of jobs and its security by inspiring young people. 1400 students enjoyed the

experience of which 73 companies, universities, sixth forms and employers attended.

The team spoke to John Tranter from EBP, one of the organisers of the event. He said, "The partnership between West Kent Schools and employers is to raise aspirations and career prospects for jobs."



Hands on experiences for secondary school students



Companies intrigue students ...the truth is revealed



'Skills fest has enlightened me on the number of rewarding careers the world has to offer' Rachel

Through interviewing many companies at the event, the reporters discovered that apprenticeships and a range of careers are readily available to inspire people to get involved with the working world.

From high up in space to the depths of the ocean, Marine Biology presents a whole range of careers, writes *Sophie*. 'I am hoping you find ten people who are interested because there are around ten main jobs in this area.' Those words were said by the marine biologists standing behind the table on which lay a box of aquatic wonders. The biologist would rest people on how many species they could name as they walked past.

In this sector, budding environmentalists can follow the path that leads to a career in pollution clean-up. A marine vet was among other jobs and those who prefer to work inside can do lab work. This informative section was truly eye-opening.

Glowing hot gas in spectrotubes graced the tables at the physics section bearing a sharp resemblance to glow sticks. The bright colours drew people in as the physicist discussed how these coloured tubes help us to look into space and examine the stars and their evolution.

If loyalties lie with saving lives then perhaps biomedical science is for you. Within this career you are able to examine blood for infections as well as diagnosing cancer. When asked if the job was reward-



A warm welcome to these schools and colleges

Bennet Memorial Diocesan School, The Hayesbrook School, Hugh Christie Technology College, The Judd School, K College, Mascalls School, Oakley School, Ridge View School, The Skinners' Kent Academy, Tonbridge Grammar School, Valence School, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Sackville School, Knole Academy, Meadows School

ing, the scientist said: 'Yes you can help others so it's great.'

Helping people leads to helping toddlers learning skills for their futures. A range of toys, including tills and artistic activities can widen knowledge in a fun way. To work in a pre-school (such as East Peckham Pre-School) you must enjoy

being with young children. In another corner, a swarm of students gather excitedly to observe the remote control 4x4s being driven by lucky onlookers. The leaflets explain that this project can improve students' science technology, engineering and maths (known as STEM). The project leaders travel to schools and stu-



dents work in teams to create their own 4x4 controllable machines.

To join the Royal Navy, one must take part in a fitness test as well as a formal interview. We spoke to two engineers and they said: 'You have pride of serving your country. A passion for sport and travel is essential in this career.'

Stixx are pieces of newspaper rolled up and glued before being placed in a machine. When this process is completed you are left with a material that is immensely strong. The stixx are used for building and construction training.

In another corner of the room sit six objects—too glamorous to be described as severed heads! Artistic hairstyles rest on the heads of mannequins while real-life students engage by getting their hair styled, curled and straightened. Hairdressers are expected to be confident, artistic and sociable.

Hospice of the Weald

We're a local charity – we give aid to people with life limiting illnesses. We have lots of vacancies but you have to be over 16 years old.

We offer apprentices, fundraiser vacancies. You have to have at least 5 GCSEs but you don't need a degree. However, for senior roles, experience is needed. We offer 4 different apprenticeships.

We are looking for people with previous volunteer work—did you know, over 80% of the people who work at Hospice of the Weald are volunteers?

Connexions

Our company work with young people between the ages of 13 and 19. We help young people with careers and also troubled young people. We mainly employ young people to be personal advisors to others, however we do not normally higher young people. You have to be over 21 and have experience of working with young people. We look for variety in our future employees – people who have worked with young people and are very good listeners. We have one admin apprenticeship for young people.

Kent Apprenticeships

We offer apprenticeships in Kent as we're part of the KCC. At the moment we have a lot of vacancies as we have different projects going on and there are lots of opportunities to join in. Business admin is popular. You don't need any qualifications but you have to demonstrate good maths and English skills and show that you want to be apart of this organisation.

No experience is necessary to take an apprenticeship but you need to show a keen interest for learning and all training is provided.

NHS

We look after patients with a huge variety of illnesses. We usually have lots of vacancies; doctors, nurses, admin, engineers and workmen.

To become a doctor or nurse you need GCSEs, A-Levels and a medical degree whereas admin people may just need to have taken a secretarial course.

We look for enthusiasm, dedication, motivation and commitment in all our potential employees. We offer apprenticeships as decorators and training and work experience for doctors and nurses.