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Priceless!

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Hundreds of pupils from Kent schools gathered on October 17th at the Kent Marine Festival 2012 in the Port of Dover to find out more about possible careers in the marine industry and other jobs at sea.

The aim of the event was to let the workers of the future discover career paths, whether it was working on cruise liners or joining the Armed Forces.

Pupils from schools included Castle Community College and The Cornwallis Academy. EBP Kent did an excellent job of organising the event.

The students weren't afraid to be hands on and giving everything a go. Joss Bay Surf School had pupils and teachers testing their balance on Indo Boards as well as the Army letting students discover what real life rifles and weapons look and feel like. One of our writers gave her balance a test. Holly said, 'It was really good fun.'

Many hands-on activities were available to take part in, but the lucky team on The MariTIMES got to be journalists for the day.

As well as learning about the opportunities around the coast, the journalism team was able to discover some of the tasks writers undergo. Interviews with students and volunteers were a small part to the task!

Genevieve told us 'I really enjoyed what we put ourselves up for today, the opportunity was great and I gained some great skills from my experience.'

A day in the life of...



MARINE CAREERS

‘Take advantage of local surf school’

Joss Bay’s Surf School also had a stand representing coastal or marine related careers at the Kent Marine Festival.

The surf school, based in Broadstairs, Thanet, offers a range of job options, as it is responsible for training and qualifying life guards for the summer season and is in charge of beach cleaning for the bays surrounding Thanet.

George said: ‘The surf school also offers First Aid training classes and creates and runs community schemes.’ The surf school is also recognised in our local area, surf lessons, in which many young people already take advantage of.



Choosing a training course with the Joss Bay surf school would be a brilliant way for sixth formers to gain experience and awareness of their local environment as well as an active

outdoor summer job. Many teenagers will benefit from the training and learn skills that could be useful for a future career of perhaps a qualified life guard and first aid or running the surf school, and other area appropriate careers.

Holly, who had a go at the balance board activity at the stand quoted: ‘People should take advantage of the surf school because we live so near it, also its fun and hands on.’

We also spoke to Elena, who held a Marine Biology stand and whom we also discovered formerly used to teach at our own school, Dane Court Grammar.

She told us all about the activities available and the importance of Marine Biology research and conservation.

Marine Biology would be a useful topic to study at A level or university because it is relative to our area, as we live by the sea. Elena quoted: ‘It would seem sensible to have knowledge about it, considering our location.’



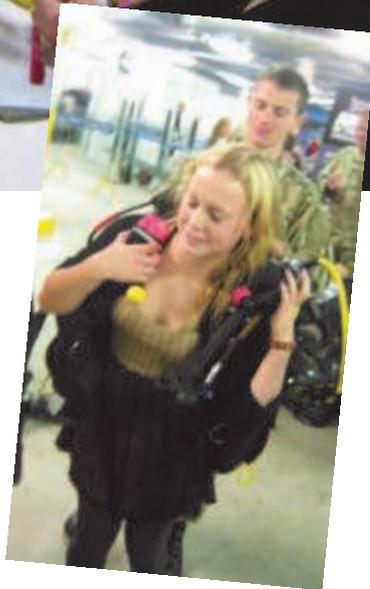
The Armed Forces are known to everyone, *writes Genevieve*, and could be considered as a future career. However they showed everyone how many different opportunities and job options were available. Corporal Danny Benn from the Royal Air Force told how there were an amazing 62 different trades behind the RAF, such as dentists and other trades you’d find in a local community.

The RAF start training with teenagers from 15 years and 9 months old, and are then employed at 16. They offer 6

form scholarships and technology schools, which many children did not know about.

Corporal Danny Benny said ‘I’m here today to influence potential employees of the future.’ Opportunities are available in London, Hampshire, Lincoln, Suffolk and other locations across the UK. The mariTIMES also spoke to Lance Corporal Lynn Rowling from the Territorial Army who takes part in the Musician Parade. Lynn informed us of many of the opportunities available, just like in the RAF, which a

Day to discover!



lot weren't aware of before. She also told of her pride of representing her Queen and Country which was really influential to the pupils. Many students said they had a big interest in a future in the Army as it is a job for life.

The Navy plays a very big role in maritime jobs, *writes Holly*. It's an extremely versatile job; they are much like the army at sea.

However, they are also based on land and in the air.

The types of job include—the surface fleet, submarine service, fleet air arm, the Commandos, Royal Marines band service, Royal Naval rescue and lastly the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. There are 30,000 people in the service,

the smallest of the armed forces although they use more specialised equipment. Sgt Lloyd Fenner and engineering officer Scotty Kerr came to the Marine Festival to talk to students about the Navy so as future tax payers we know where some of our money is going.

And it's also for people who take an interest in wanting to be in the Navy—like me!

There were several stands representing and covering different courses and areas available at the three main local colleges, East Kent College, Canterbury College and K College, *writes Izzy*.

The first stand we talked to represented the Hair & Beauty course available at Kent College, Both Gen and Izzy interviewed two students taking the course, Amy and Meg, whilst we got a file and paint on our nails, They told us how being at the event today was a good chance to gain experience and practise,

Amy said: 'I chose Hair & Beauty because I enjoy taking care of people, having a gossip or keeping busy and it's also a varied industry.' Hair and Beauty is a good choice for creating your own business or working independently.

Another stand we talked to was Travel & Tourism at East Kent College; Tourism is an essential industry in Kent. The college offers a course which covers areas such as Air Cabin Crew and global business; it is an interactive and



all round subject. It could be a base to provide jobs in cruise lines travel agencies, to becoming an air hostess or working in a hotel.

We also spoke to a construction stand based at K College in Ashford. The course would lead to many jobs and trades including painting and decorating, maintenance and brick and woodwork.

The course aims to help youngsters who perhaps haven't achieved in the core subjects such as English and Maths but would like to explore different areas of work; it helps them discover what they want and what they can do, because there are so many areas or different aspects to construction.

Any job in construction is very team building and hands on, physical work perhaps but there are many different strains, that aren't male dominated.

Hello to the NEWS TEAM



Izzy... Today has been interesting being a journalist but I have found it quite hard as there were quite a few stands to work



through, It was quite awkward to interview people but then we figured out set questions to ask.

Genevieve... I thought it was really good fun and I'm glad I volunteered for the job. I did learn a lot from the Festival as well as learning different skills and tips for a future career in journalism.

Holly... I thought it was very interesting. It's given me a different insight into other people's jobs and how different they can be. I've also enjoyed the career opportunities.



Holly says: At 9.30 this morning I knew I wanted a career in the Royal Navy. What I did not know is how useful this trip has been for me. I have learnt a lot and not just about being in the Navy. Today for me has been a lot of help on how to get into the Navy, after speaking to Sgt Lloyd Fenner from the Royal Marines, Scotty Kerr, an engineering officer and Paula Trewin MBE from the Navy Careers office who is also an ex-pupil from Dane Court. Paula has helped me open my eyes to exactly how to get in the Navy; and Lloyd and Scotty told me what it takes. Thanks guys!

What the students said...



Cameron, 13, from Castle Community, said: 'I'm figuring out what I want to do. I'm looking at the technician and engineering stalls. I'm hoping to explore different trades and get a better understanding of what's out there.'

George, 17, from Cornwallis Academy, said: 'The Army stalls are interesting. I have no idea what I want to do.'

Roger, 15, from Holmesdale Technology, said: 'I want to do biology at Mid Kent College.'

James from Cornwallis Academy, said: 'I'm currently doing my A Levels so I'm looking today at possible career opportunities. This is what I like about these days. My favourite stall is the Marine Biology because it was interesting and one of my career choices.' Jess, 13,



Alicia, 14 and Emily, 13, from Castle Community College, said: 'Today has been good because it's given me inspiration and an insight into jobs I had never even thought of.'

Finally we spoke to Jamie, 26, from the Maritime Volunteer Service, said: 'I help people in the water and make sure they are okay. I like today because there are lots of people here.'

Note from News for Schools: The writing, photographs and design are the work of three students from Dane Court Grammar School. They interviewed all the people involved, wrote up their work and organised it into sections, based on a briefing at the beginning of the day. Well done—they did an amazing job.