

Meet the team



Billie Haines: I study photography A-level and BTEC Art and Design level three. I hope to go into photography as a career, Today has really helped the students with giving them

more of an idea of what is out there for them to do after their education.

Lucy Terry: I study A-level Media & BTEC Art and Design. I am yet to decide a career but would love to get into the film industry. Today I was given an amazing experience working with a real reporter; I have enjoyed myself so much, this experience has made me want to do this more and consider reporting as a career. I feel today has opened young students eyes to a wider future. Showing them what is out there. For me I found out



how to get myself into volunteer work after I leave sixth form.

James Rankin: Hello reader, I am in my second year of sixth form at The Marlowe Academy studying A level Law, Sociology and English Literature. My experience of being a journalist has been nothing short of amazing, with so many different tasks being passed on to me that I have never done before and I am thankful for having the opportunity of doing. I am hoping to become a teacher of English in Japan for a few years before coming back to the UK to teach English here. The day went well with all those that partook in it gaining something valuable from it. I would recommend this event to any school or college interested in benefiting their students career prospects.



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Use the past, live the present, choose the future



Interviewing the corporate giants

Continued from previous page people which is a great experience.' There is no specific age you need to be. The Navy was next to be interviewed. They said: 'You need to have good attention to detail, and good discipline. You have to be a team player and be outgoing.' They told us that you did not need particular qualifications but had to pass stages—like academic, medical and fitness. JTL Apprenticeships offer apprenticeships in electronics and



James interviewed the head, who told The Marlowe Evolution: 'The Skills Fest is going extremely well. The guests are outstanding. I would not change this event—there is no need. It benefits everyone—employers and students.'

plumbing. David Howells said: 'You sit an entry exam that is open to everyone. You are employed full time and can apply after secondary

school—you need drive to succeed and dedication and we give 100 per cent support.' At Thanet College stands, The Marlowe

Evolution spoke to Megan, a chef. 'You learn to cook, as well as finding out about life skills,' she said. 'You can even get a placement at Buckingham Palace, she added. Another stand was the Mercy Ships, a charity that

helps people in West Africa. You can volunteer to go, like on a gap year, and involves helping out, Gehad Homsey told our reporters.

'Schools like this do a really fantastic job'

The Marlowe Academy holds opportunity and a future for its students. In the heart of the Academy stands a 'Skills Fest' event bringing the students together to help point them in the right direction for a safe and fortunate future. Often the school receives bad press – judged on its academic results and poor

By Lucy Terry, Billie Haines and James Rankin

behaviour but as we look around we see the smiles on peoples' faces that show this school, this family, is pushing towards a better future for everyone. Even children who do not know what the next step is are eager and are looking forward to the next step in

their lives. Sixth former Lucy said, "As a current student at the Marlowe sixth form I feel that the schools' reputation is far from that which is reported. For me this school is 'one big family' rather than just an institution, as
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'A really good job'

From front young adults we are encouraged to play our role in benefiting the education of younger children by giving back our time to them." But today is all about the students. This event is offering them a broader outlook on their future career paths. There is a wide selection of options varying from beauty to volunteer work, careers in retail, banking, the Armed Forces, catering, manufacturing and health, and some more unusual avenues such as leisure or design. Employers are offering guidance to young students who seek it. *The Marlowe Evolution* spoke to events co-ordinator John Tranter, who works for the EBP Kent (Education Business Partnership) whose role is to engage with the employers to come to these workshops to inspire young people in choosing a career that suits them best. EBP Kent is based in the Kent Innovation Centre in Broadstairs. They work with many schools around Kent. John told us "Times like this are tough, but schools like this do a fantastic job." *As you look around you see a future and chances waiting for the youth of the Academy.*

We interview the corporate giants..

Marks and Spencer is a very well known national brand for clothing, food and other household wares, *writes James Rankin.*

Upon interview with Marks and Spencer managers Keileigh Rankin and Lyn Lye, *The Marlowe Evolution* unearthed an insight into how the company goes about the most important business, the intake of new recruits.

The Marlowe Evolution has found out that anyone can apply for a position at M&S, no matter what level of education. The possibilities are endless as the managers themselves quoted:

'Positions in Human Resource, Operations, Sales and many more are open to those who want them...without the necessity of having a university degree.'

To those that do, however, a graduate scheme is available. This introduces graduates to the world of management with ample opportunity for promotion, but not, as I have been assured, unless the individual wants to be promoted, the company are keen to keep their employees happy and working at the level that they want to work.

When asked why the managers were representing their company at the Marlowe Academy Skills Fest, they replied: 'It is all about the passion for our company we work for and we wish to spread our reach to newer horizons and to the next generation, thus sharing their passion and keenness with others.'

When asked about what character they want to see in those who are interested in joining the company, *The Marlowe Evolution* was told there is no ideal employee so long as that person is passionate about what they do, and



Skills Fest gave pupils a broader outlook on their future

want to work to the best of their ability then they would be good for the job. For those that are interested in applying for positions at any level, or are wishing to gather some work experience, then the best way to do so would be to check the M&S website each week as any new job openings are listed on their website, along with the branches that have the vacancy or those who are interested in obtaining a work experience placement are encouraged to write to the manager of the nearest local branch. Another company *The Marlowe Evolution* interviewed was Hornby, *writes Billie Haines.* After speaking to

Dane Luckhurst we found that his job was more involved with the marketing side for the Humbrol which is a range of paint. I look at how many products we sell and how it is advertised (television, Facebook are some examples.) When asked what qualifications were needed to work for Hornby, Dale said: 'People that are interested in working for us need the basic A to C GCSE grades and a dew A levels would be helpful.' He said: 'We would recommend a job like to young people because it involves many different processes and you would be introduced to a range of

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Student's opinion

*Tom Lee is a year 13 pupil at The Marlowe Academy who is studying ICT to try and fulfil his dream of becoming an ICT teacher. Tom informed *The Marlowe Evolution* that he has a keen interest for ICT and wishes to take that to the next level by teaching it to his own students in a few years, once he has attained his qualifications of course. He is looking to broaden his outlook on*



Bradley Paraman

how different businesses work in order to open up other career paths should his teacher aspirations not come to fruition. He told *The Marlowe Evolution* that although Skills Fest is a very informative occasion that is beneficial to many who are looking at career paths, it did not suit him because it did not cover his primary career outline teaching.

He did assure us however, that if he had not already made up his mind as to what job he would like to do, then events such as this would be very useful to persons such as himself.

He added: 'I would like to see an even bigger, more expansive version of Skills Fest with possibly students surveyed prior to it so that companies can be brought in to suit the findings of the surveys and benefit the students at a higher level.'

James Rankin