

## The Port of Call

### Meet the Team



The reporting team put this newsletter together in less than four hours. An amazing achievement. Here's what they said about the day:

Greer (Y13): 'I enjoyed interviewing people and collecting the information.'

Leigh (Y12): 'I learned how to construct an actual newspaper and how important it is to let people know about them.'

Ioni (Y12): 'I have gained confidence and know that I do really want to go into the media industry.'

Imogen (Y12): 'This event has allowed me to interact with people involved in business.'

Kaira (Y12): 'I have learnt how to have the mind of a reporter as well learning about maritime industry.'

Dan (Y13): 'I have learned different ways of condensing information.'



"I enjoyed the day because it really opened my eyes to different jobs!" Nicola, 15

We spoke to John Tranter from EBP Kent, the organisers of the event.

He told us that this was the fourth year the event has been running. A plethora of different stalls run by local businesses, colleges and well-known institutions such as the RAF and charities attend.

John said that around 1,100 students arrived for this event and that they come from all over Kent including Maidstone, Ashford and Thanet.

John added: 'EBP Kent works hard to do what we can to inspire the next generation. Today is all about careers and jobs in the Marine Industry although it is surprising how big a part construction plays in the industry. This event is doing well and always gives visitors an enjoyable, practical day.'

School attending today were: Wilmington Academy, Knole Academy, Walmer Science College, The North School, Astor College for Arts, Chaucer Technology School, Castle Community College, Brockhill Park School, Dane Court Grammar School, Thamesview School, Northfleet Technology College, Spires Academy, Chatham and Clarendon Federation of Ramsgate Grammar Schools, Thanet and Dover AC PRU, The Charles Dickens School, Aylesford School, Dover College, K College, Sandwich Technology School, St Edmunds Catholic School and St Nicholas at Canterbury College.



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Anchor your career...




## Plenty of prospects

"It's a day for young people to discover what the Maritime industry is all about" – quotes Kent College student, Georgina Grey, The Kent Marine Festival 2011, took place in Dover Docks on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Despite the windy weather, students from all around Dover were queuing to board the "Patricia" navigation boat, whilst others were exploring the different stalls and what information they had to offer. Students were buzzing with excitement; some having their hair professionally done, whilst others watched different dance routines and played games such as Fifa 2011 in the IT and computing area.

For students considering different career paths, it was surprising for some to find out that they could get involved with their career in the

Maritime industry. The world of education was represented by Thanet, Canterbury and K Colleges. They were all showing what their prospectus has to offer.

When finding out the different careers involved in the maritime industry, students discovered that it was separated into three areas.

One of the areas included the involvement of designing, building, operating and repairing vessels such as Super Yachts and Cruise Liners.

The second area was based around small craft working on the rivers and inlands; the third focused on the fishing vessels and coastal ships that operate internationally, which are usually fairly close to land.

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## The Port of Call Apprentice-SHIPS



### The Ship Patricia

At the exciting maritime event, not only was it possible to get involved in activities inside the terminal, but students were also offered the opportunity to board 'Patricia' – the ship that the Queen and her husband were said to have boarded.

When speaking to a training officer, we were surprised to discover that the job itself is quite easy the majority of the time and only 250 UCAS points are needed to do the course at university. A difference between the cruise ships and the navigation boats are the language barrier present between workers.

According to one of the onboard members, they have "a right laugh on board". The same training officer also got a sponsor and therefore had her university course paid for - which we all wouldn't mind! Jobs involved with the ship are lighthouse maintenance, re-fuelling and marking - to avoid the event of a collision between lighthouses and sailing ships. Part of the job also involves working with a helicopter - so you're not only working at sea, but in the air as well!



Many of the students expressed an interest in doing a vocational course over an academic one because of the good job prospects. They have been inspired to research into apprenticeships and many of the other opportunities here. The events at the marine court oozes with opportunities from places such as K College. Apprenticeships are being offered by a wide range of established institutions here at the event such as K College and Canterbury College. IPS apprenticeships in particular offer two-three year courses which incorporate training and a hands-on approach to learning within the industry.

Kim Holland from IPS stated: 'The company is the best training provider in the South East with high success rates. 85 per cent of qualified learners stay at their placements earning up to £14,000 a year.' As well as colleges, institutions from the Armed Forces also informed young people of the courses they have on offer. Corporal Lee Viner from the RAF said: 'We want to challenge the view that

everyone's a pilot in the RAF. We have over 50 different career paths within this sector.'

Josh, 14, said: 'I came here to find out about working on the ships. The Royal Marines looked interesting. After I finish my GCSEs I want to find out more about training with them.' Nicola: 'I want to do beauty therapy at K College. It's practical which is good because I don't want to go to university.' Niamh, from Knole said: 'It's been really cool today. I've had experience of possible jobs I can do when I'm older.'

## The Port of Call Potential Career Choices



We were shocked to find plenty of health and beauty stalls on the day with nails being painted and hair being styled. This industry is growing fast as people want to be pampered as they cruise across the sea. If you were to achieve a Level 3 in hair dressing you would be qualified to be a hairdresser on the cruise ship. Earning more than your average salon hairdresser, this job has the edge, travelling the world whilst doing a job that is different every day.

Surprisingly floristry is an important part of the cruise ship industry, with multiple jobs on offer such as online florists and residential florists who



Maddie Dunn and Jess Harrison who work for UKSA



will either supply the ship with the flowers or prepare for the guests and different functions. With the yacht industry in need of young men and women lots of different opportunities are possible including: stewards/stewardesses, water sport coaches, chefs and engineers. UKSA is a charity that helps to change

life's through personal development and maritime education. They offer the range of jobs we have mentioned above. At K College they offer a 3D design course, which provides a broad base for many different areas of the design industry including industrial design, which will set you in good stead for a career involved in the manufacturing of cruise ships. ravel and tourism course which benefits the cruise ship industry and opens doors to other travel areas.

