

Welcome to our first  
Careers  
NewsLetter

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER Spring 2021

### STEAM CAREERS DAY

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths

For the first time ever, Inscape House School hosted a STEAM Career Day on Tuesday 20th October and everyone agreed it was a great success!

The purpose of the Day was to expose our young people to a variety of careers, to jumpstart their thinking about their futures, also to think about the core subjects and how they link to their future choices and careers.

*"If we prepare our students early enough, they are more likely to think about college, careers and life after Inscape House School"*

Students had the opportunity engage with a wide variety of representatives including Rav, our schools Enterprise Advisor from Digital Advantage; Mike and Leanne, Surveyors from Eurogold; Zionna, a community midwife; Lee Young, Electrical Engineer with North West Trains; Jac Savickas, Music Teacher and performer; Joseph Connor, Accountants Technician; Fiona Cassis from the Whitworth Art Gallery; Mike Rusted, Project Manager and Engineer; Shack Baker, Property Developer and Richard Sawyers, Scientist.

Steve and Oliver from Brunel Recruitment delivered a workshop on how to create the perfect CV. Brunel have worked closely with our young people over the last two years, where they have participated in workshops in their offices in Manchester City Centre and explored what engineering looks like in the oil industry. Steve and Oliver will be coming back to school next term to deliver an interviewing skills workshop and the pupils will have the opportunity to attend mock interviews—a great opportunity to get them ready for the world of work.

Richard Sawyer, a scientist with a very varied career, spent the whole day supporting our young people. In the morning he worked with a class potting plants and in the afternoon supported a group of young people to develop our sensory garden, all of which he linked to science. After break he talked about his career as a radiologist and used lots of prompts and activities (which included spaghetti and marshmallows!) to bring science to life, making it interesting and tangible for our young people.

All our guest speakers made a massive impact on our pupils, and everyone took something different away from the event and gave them positive insight into their future careers and choices. ***The school would like to thank all our guest speakers for their time and enthusiasm that they provided on the day and leading up to the event.***

Feedback from pupils:-

*Zionna The Midwife "was interesting and I listened to every word she said, she was so interesting and showed that if you didn't get your qualifications when you were at school you could keep going and do them"*

*Shack "I felt inspired by Shack he had lots of interesting jobs in the past such as a model and was in a band, his creativeness led him to his job as a property developer. He is a great role model for young black people, thank you for coming to our school and I hope you will come back"*



**INTRODUCING...**



**DEAN SHANNON**  
**our new**  
**Enterprise Advisor**

*I would like to introduce you to myself and what I do as an Enterprise Advisor to Inscape House School...*

I am Dean Shannon 57 years young and married with an 11-year-old Daughter and a dog called Teddy Hamish.

I work in a full-time day job as The Training Programme Manager for a worldwide organisation called GP Strategies Corporation.

We are a training provider that train individuals in sector areas of specific trades and jobs including: -

Child Care, Adult Care, Teaching and Business and Management.

We offer the modern traineeships and apprenticeships in these sectors and qualifications and training to match alongside government funding and incentives.

In my role as an Enterprise Advisor and support to the School I can offer many things and will do as we move forward this year and beyond.

Already you might have seen me in our weekly events online promoting Traineeships and Apprenticeships for when it is your turn to leave school and move into the workplace.

This will be a large part of what I can support you all on with contacts across many areas of business and sectors so you can get the opportunities for work placements and jobs/careers, CV's, Interview techniques and many more things involved with your future.

As the year progresses, we will arrange more enrichment events and talks to suit your needs and help with promoting Inscape House School and your future.

If you have any suggestions for me to try arranging for you or support in any way, please let me know.

Thank you,



# Guest Speakers

Over lockdown, we have been fortunate enough to have a wide variety of really interesting guest speakers who gave up their time to tell us , over Zoom, all about their careers.

## Matty Street, CEO of TeamKarting

### Autism is my Superpower

One of our recent inspirational guest speakers was Matty Street a young person from Rochdale.



Matty talked about his autism, his difficulties at school, how he turned his interest and passion into his career and how he now uses his wealth of experience to support young people with autism.

Since the day Matty left school, everything has revolved around motorsport. His career started out when he got a part time job whilst at college at a company called TeamKarting. It wasn't a smooth ride however, as he went on to get himself fired, rehired, and then eventually bought the business. Matty talked about how by the age of 21 he had finished college, achieved his

qualifications, and owned Team Karting which employs over 30 people. In addition to these incredible achievements he is a public speaker and a member of the GB Karting Team. Matty also discussed one of his biggest passions - helping people like himself who are on the autism spectrum. <https://teamkarting.co.uk> <https://www.bbc.com/sport/motorsport/50084172>

**Thank you** for all our guest speakers who have talked about their careers and apprenticeship via virtual talks with our pupils over lockdown:-

- Giselle Rusted, Curate
- Matt Chapman, Police Custody Sargent
- Dean Shannon, Inscape's Enterprise Advisor and Training Manager for GP Strategies Corporation
- Iain Bell, British Gas senior management and Gas lamp manager at Buckingham Palace London
- Matty Street, CEO of TeamKarting, Autism is my Superpower
- Rikesh Lad, Business Development Team Leader, Growth Company

Post 16 student Cameron Cooper has written about one of our inspirational guest speakers

### Who maintains the Gas Lamps at Buckingham Palace?

By Cameron Cooper, Post 16 Student



Iain Bell our recent speaker in our Employability lesson told us all about his career as a Gas Lamp lighter. He started with a video from the news where he talked about the remaining gas lamps that still exist in London. Although there are still gas lamps around the UK, the majority are in London, and are maintained by a special branch of British Gas engineers.

Gas lamps was the original way to bring lights to streets and homes. They were first introduced in the Victorian Period, and replaced candles as the main source of light. In the early days, gas lights were very dangerous, being a cause of explosions and fire. As time went by, the risk reduced as the designs became safer.

The majority of the remaining gas lamps can be found at historical buildings such as Buckingham Palace and Westminster. Iain told us stories about encounters he has had with members of the Royal Family whilst fixing the gas lamps, such as participating in a garden party with Princess Margaret, who was apparently funny and told lots of jokes.

The best way to become a gas lamp engineer is to apply to British Gas for an apprenticeship. He told us there are training centres across the UK, but the best are in London. You need 4 GCSEs to apply for an apprenticeship in any part of the British Gas company.

He finished his talk telling us about a particular type of gas lamps-sewage lamps. You may think this lamp is in the sewers, but you'd be thinking wrong, as a sewage lamp is actually above ground, not below it. It's one of the

earliest types of clean energy, as it is powered by gas naturally produced by human waste.

The students asked a lot of questions, mainly about which members of the Royal Family he had met and the sewage lamps. But he didn't seem to mind, and he answered all of them as keen as he could be.



# *Labour Market Information: Did You Know?...*

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- On March 1st, 2021 there were 645,606 live job ads in the UK. This is up from the 617,994 live job ads on 1st February 2021
- This represents a year on year change in UK vacancies of -34.8%
- The average national salary is now £35,188

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- The average Greater Manchester salary is £34,518
- Salaries in Greater Manchester have gone up 11.3% year-on-year while the national annual change is 4.3%.
  - Most live job ads in Greater Manchester are for IT Jobs and Teaching Jobs.
  - Currently there are 25,284 live job ads in Greater Manchester, out of 645,604 jobs nationally. This is up from under 24,000 live job

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The average Stockport salary is £30,185.

- Currently there are 1,568 live job ads in Stockport, out of 648,316 jobs nationally. This is slightly up from the 1,542 live job ads in Stockport
- Salaries in Stockport have gone up 15.7% year-on-year while the national annual change is 4.3%
- The top companies hiring in Stockport are: CDL, Barchester Healthcare, MITIE, Yodel/Home Delivery Network and HC One.



## Achieving Work Experience during Lockdown

Post 16 Explorer learners usually complete a range on-site maintenance jobs around school and at central office. This is the starting point of their journey to support work placements off site.

During the lockdown we became extremely restricted in what on site work experience we could engage with due to our bubble.

During this time many of our 'jobs' linked to our preparing for adulthood and life skills curriculum. Jobs have included laundry, recycling and keeping the environment clean and safe. We then link these jobs to job roles within the community.

To promote independence and choice the students use our visual jobs board and create mini schedules to help them keep on task and complete with little support from staff.



The Jobs Board

- What job am I doing?
- Where am I doing the job?

Making a choice of job and creating a schedule to follow



A more detail schedule of the laundry process

This term 18 pupils from

Upper School and Post 16 have had 1:1 Careers Interviews which have been delivered by Career Connect ....

## Upcoming Careers Events:

Event	Date
ALL FM Radio Show "Lights Cameron Action" Post 16 Radio Show on ALLFM 96.9	Every Friday (term time only) 3.00 – 4.00
Founders4Schools Guest Speaker (TBC)	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Introduction to GoDigital (Post 16)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Sowing the Seeds STEM Garden Project C1&U2	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
GoDigital Project (post 16)	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Brunel Recruitment – CV Writing Workshop	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 2.00
Sowing the Seeds STEM Garden Project C1&U2	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
STEAM Careers Talk – Richard Sawyers Middle, Upper School and Post 16	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 1.30 – 2.45
Robotics STEM Challenge – Upper School	June – date TBA

**During lockdown six pupils in Post 16 accessed college:**

**Aquinas SENDCo**

**Manchester College**

**Carrington Acquine Riding School**

If you would like to support our careers programme or would like further information please contact Marie Young on [marie.young@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:marie.young@togethertrust.org.uk) or Richard Nancollis on [Richard.nancollis@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:Richard.nancollis@togethertrust.org.uk)

