

NEWSLETTER

Careers, Careers, Careers!

It's been a very busy half term for Careers Education already at Shuttleworth: here are our highlights!



Shuttleworth students meet the Education Secretary!

On Thursday 5 March, a group of Year 10 students visited BAE Systems' *Academy for Skills & Knowledge* at Samlesbury, where they spent a morning finding out about different types of Engineering, BAE's involvement in different technology systems and the different roles needed to make up a successful international company. The students met apprentices, degree apprentices, tutors and employees from across the business and had the opportunity to work on electronics and a CNC Machine.



However, the real purpose of their visit was to meet the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP, and take part in a Q&A session with him. They discussed their own experiences of careers education at school and how they learn about different routes through education and employment. Our students asked some brilliant questions about Mr Williamson's career history and his views on the importance of skills development for young people. The students involved were a real credit to Shuttleworth as they displayed enthusiasm, maturity and confidence to put their questions to the government minister.



Mrs England said, "I was incredibly proud of the students. Not only did they throw themselves into the tasks BAE set for them, but they were brilliant ambassadors for Shuttleworth College and our work as Lead School for Lancashire Careers Hub. It was brilliant to watch them thrive as they took on the responsibility of questioning such a high-profile visitor!"

This visit was organised in collaboration with the Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) and the Department for Education. We work closely with the CEC to ensure that our Careers Education programme is the best it can be to support our young people as they transition to Further & Higher Education and the world of work. You can read more about the visit [online](#).

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Behind the scenes at Royal Blackburn Hospital

We were very lucky to take a small group of students on a 'behind the scenes' tour at the Royal Blackburn Hospital at the end of February. Our students had a tour and met employees from three vital departments to understand the running of such a large hospital and the wider East Lancs Hospitals NHS Trust. We found out some interesting facts:

- Did you know that the Catering team at the RBH produce 98% of meals onsite? They try to do everything within their own kitchens and work closely with dieticians to make sure that meals are tailored to each patient's needs. The kitchens have to be immaculately clean and we wore hair-nets and protective coats.
- Did you know that the Laundry at the RBH processes 100,000 items of laundry every week? We saw the production line and were shocked to find out that a new load of laundry is processed every three minutes!
- The Sterilising unit clean, sterilise and re-package instruments for clinics and operating theatres throughout East Lancashire. We saw how organised their process has to be to ensure that everything is perfectly clean and sterile to keep patients safe.



Image credit: Learning Centre, Royal Blackburn Hospital

Flying high with Hycrome!

We were delighted to welcome Emily Williamson, a former student, back to Shuttleworth as she came to speak to our Year 9 Business students about her experiences as a Business Administration Apprentice at Hycrome, a prominent local engineering firm. Emily has now progressed with the company and is completing her degree. Emily talked about her roles, her development and Hycrome's business priorities. It was especially good for our students to see that engineering firms don't just hire engineers, but that they need lots of different professionals!



Our students thought it was really beneficial to learn from Emily and said:

'It was very motivational and inspiring. The experience was of great value for life ahead.'

'I thought that the presentation was very interesting and contained a lot of valuable information that I can use in the future. I may be interested in engineering because it can open many job opportunities that I am interested in.'

'It helped me realise the opportunities that can arise if I go to college and university.'

'During the presentation, I found out a lot about apprenticeships and engineering. It was really interesting because Emily gave us a lot of information on her work life which made us think about what we could do when we are older.'

'During the presentation, we learned what an apprenticeship is and how hard and challenging it can be.'

'I have learned that they try extremely hard with what they do at work. I also found out I could do a degree apprenticeship so I could go to university and work at the same time. There are so many opportunities I can take by learning Business Studies and it is amazing! Emily seems to have a very interesting job that I would like to proceed to learn more about.'

'The presentation was really interesting because I did not know that about Hycrome in Burnley. Also I found the business interesting because I did not know that you could work as an engineer as a girl.'

Citizenship students on trial!

To complement their GCSE Citizenship studies, a group of Year 10 students visited Burnley Combined Courts and took part in a Hate Crime Mock Trial. Supported by the National Justice Museum, our students learned about the types of crimes tried in a Crown Court and how a trial would be conducted. They then each took on parts and went through a Mock Trial based on a true story: our students were a Judge, Court Clerk, Court Usher, Prosecution and Defence Barristers, Solicitors, Witnesses and jury members.

Mr Overthrow, GCSE Citizenship teacher, said, "the court visit really helped to bring our students' learning to life: the experience of walking into a real court environment was brilliant for them. I was really impressed at how much thought they put into their questions and witness cross-examinations—I think they have a lot of potential as the legal professionals of the future!"



TE Robotics Competition

Four of our Robotics Club students visited Preston's College to take part in a competition run by Tomorrow's Engineers and supported by STEM First.

The students competed in one of three regional finals against schools from across the North West.

Sam Baker (Year 10) said, "we had to go through lots of stages during the day which really tested our engineering and programming skills. First we practiced with the speed robot and then we undertook speed test and challenges. We also had to produce a PowerPoint presentation to show our ideas. It was really important that we worked as a team to develop our ideas and do the best we could."

Mr Myers, Maths Teacher & Robotics Club co-ordinator said, "our students really enjoyed the opportunity to test their design, problem solving and creative skills during the competition. While we didn't win our heat, it was a great experience and we hope to go back next year."

Image credit: Helen Heggie, STEM First



SEND Parent Drop-Ins

Have you got any questions about your child's SEND needs?

You are welcome to come along to our Parent Drop-Ins, which are held every Thursday between 3-4pm at Reception, where you will be able to speak to Mrs Snaith or Mrs Bowyer.



Drop in at reception to speak to Mrs. Snaith or Mrs. Bowyer about concerns for your child's SEND needs, including:

- Cognition
- Learning
- Dyslexia
- Social communication
- Sensory needs
- Physical needs
- Social & emotional needs
- Mental Health

Join the Parent Forum

The Parent Forum is still open to new members.

If you would like to join the Parent Forum to attend the meetings and provide a parent/carer's viewpoint or support the work that goes on, please contact Mrs Price on cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk You can also join the Facebook group (SC Parent Forum) or see our [website](#) for more information.



Career Focus

This week, the [Career Focus](#) section of our website features the role of IT Technicians. We're very lucky to have three IT professionals, pictured above, who keep us online at Shuttleworth and we interviewed them about their work for the focus. The section is updated every fortnight, so there will be plenty of job roles to find out about and discuss with your child.

SEND PARENT DROP-INS

THURSDAY 3-4PM

World Book Day

You know that we love reading at Shuttleworth college and the recent World Book Day was a chance to celebrate all things literature!

We were very lucky to have debut author, Michael Riding, come in to school to work with groups of Year 7 and Year 8 students during their English lessons. Michael talked about his new book, *Callum McBride*, how he became an author and the other jobs he's had over his career.

Our fantastic Librarian, Mr Swindells, did such excellent work to mark World Book Day that he even earned a 'Shuttleworth Star', an award given to a staff member and a student each week. This is something to be incredibly proud of as each award is presented as a result of nominations from other staff and the student body. Mr Swindells organised competitions for staff and students, with quizzes, creativity and re-imagining classic books as comics!

A group of students were also presented with 'Golden Tickets' as a reward for their excellent effort in English and Library lessons.



International Women's Day

Miss Roach and Mrs Fox have been discussing Maya Angelou and her poem 'Phenomenal Woman' which they say is empowering for all women.

Our English & Drama department celebrated International Women's Day 2020 by sharing stories of women they find inspiring with their students. You can see some of the themes here.

For more of their IWD2020 topics and other news from our English & Drama department, find them on instagram @sc_english_dept or [Twitter](#).

I'm a woman phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, that's me.

MAYA ANGELOU

Miss St-Jean has been discussing her own mother with her students. Her mother was a strong, brave woman who showed great resilience. She left her own country, enduring racism, in order to give her two daughters a better life and brought them up to be strong empowered women who know the value of education.

Miss Eddlestone has been talking about Virginia Wolf and her novel 'A Room of One's own'.

Lancashire Book of the Year

Shortlisting Event

This week Shuttleworth students attended the shortlisting event for the Lancashire Book of the Year 2020 at County Hall in Preston. They met author Nathan Parker whose book, *The Disappearance of Timothy Dawson*, appeared in the 2019 shortlist. The Lancashire Book of the Year is very special as it is the longest running young people's regional book award in the country.

Our students have been involved in creating the shortlist and have been putting in lots of effort to get through the 'longlist' and put forward their recommendations. The twelve-book shortlist will be finally judged in June, with a Celebration Day and Award Announcement to be held in July at UCLan.

More information about the award and the shortlist can be found [here](#).



Faith's Fundraising!

Year 8 student Faith Yeoman has been busy supporting a charity in two ways: she's donated an incredible 14 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust and raised sponsorship money as well!

Faith, who has so far raised over £225, said, "it was a bit daunting to have so much hair cut off at the same time but my donation is going to help children who have lost their own hair. I went to Vanilla in Padiham to have it cut and they had to be really careful to make sure the donated hair was prepared correctly. To be accepted as a donation, my hair had to be clean, completely dry and tied securely in three places." Faith has really demonstrated her community spirit, one of our Shuttleworth values. You can see Faith's before, during and after pictures below, courtesy of Andrea Yeoman.

The Little Princess Trust provide real hair wigs to children who are experiencing hair loss, often though cancer treatment. They also fund research into childhood cancers.



Food Bank Appeal Update

We are still collecting items for our Student Council's Food Bank Appeal, which now stands at an incredible **600** donations! Students can leave donations of non-perishable food and drink, toiletries and cleaning products at the collection point in the Library.

Uniform Appeal

If you have any good-quality, out-grown uniform items that are sitting unused, please send them in to College for use as spares.

Blazers // Ties // Trousers // Skirts

We need you!

We are always keen to hear about the successes of our former students. If you are a former student of Shuttleworth College or Gawthorpe High School, or you know someone who is, you can sign up to our alumni network here:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/shuttleworth>

We are also keen to hear from alumni or parents/careers who would like to support our careers programme. We need people who have progressed through **any** education, training or employment path. It is particularly important that our students understand the huge range of industries and careers that are open to them, so we need you no matter what your current job is!

Alternatively, email Mrs Ackroyd, Careers Leader on fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk

Good news to share about your child?

Promoting a community event?

Get in touch with our marketing and communications team, by contacting Mrs Ackroyd via fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk.

Enterprise Advisers!



Meet Jeff and Megan: our Enterprise Advisers from Hays Recruitment.

As part of the Careers & Enterprise Company's work to expand careers education across the country, each school and college is matched with an Enterprise Adviser who helps to build the school's careers plan, by offering an industry viewpoint and to help students build the skills they need to enter the world of work.

Hays are a large recruitment company, with offices across the country. Jeff is a Director and covers the North West region, based in Preston. Megan is a Manager specialising in Accountancy & Finance recruitment and is based in the Burnley office. They have supported us for a number of years now, most notably at our annual *Your Future, Your Choice* Year 10 Employability Conference: Jeff did a presentation on the changing world of work to launch the 2019 conference and Megan supported us with Mock Interviews.

We look forward to continuing to work with them both!

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