

CAREERS @ QUEENS'

We have had a very busy and exciting term with varied events.

Panel Talks

Year 7 +Year 8

KPMG, Computer Center, Wickes Law, Biological Scientist, PHD student in Mental Health and HR Company Director



We celebrated National Apprenticeship Week

With videos and activities in Form. ASK Apprenticeships came and in to do assemblies for Y10, Y11, + Y12. Notice boards were full of information from Amazing Apprenticeships for students to be inspired.





Lauren Christy from **Sky Studios Elstree** came to talk to Year 9 and Year 11 students in their assemblies. She gave an exciting presentation explaining routes into the **Creative Arts Industry** but also spoke about **Historians** needed for period dramas **Mathematicians** for accounting/finance and **Geographers** for travel and location areas. She gave an insight into the industry covering many sectors including **Catering**, **Security**, **Hair and Makeup** and **Costume Design**. Q+A's were encouraged throughout from students.





Students from Year 10 were **raising** their **aspirations** having a **tour** and presentation from **Cambridge University Caius College**.

A visit to the **Library**, treated to a **packed lunch** and ended the day with a visit to the **Sir David Attenborough Museum** in the city centre. The day was enjoyed by all that attended.

Thank you Cambridge for the invitation.

The British Army

Came to do some **MYTH** busting with our Year 12 and Year 13 students in Face the Future assemblies. They spoke about their own personal stories as well as being a soldier within their own trade. Talking about the social life, opportunities offered and apprenticeships was an insight to the Army life. Q+A's kept the students alert and on their toes. The Army will be back in the summer for more hands on team building for the lower years.





Cameron Davidson

Digital and Technology
Solutions Professional Degree
Specialising in Cyber Security



What Apprenticeship are you doing/ what level?

The apprenticeship that I'm doing is a BSc (Hons) in Digital and Technology Solutions Professional degree specialising in Cyber security bachelor's degree apprenticeship that is Level 4, 5 and 6 after already completing my Level 2 and 3.

What is your JOB/ ROLE HERE AT QUEENS'?

Here at Queens', I act as a senior IT technician which involves me providing support to the whole school. I help to install and repair as well as upgrade equipment, almost like a first line supporter.

How did you find out about the apprenticeship?

Degree apprenticeships are very competitive and can be hard to find but there are lots of different websites that have detailed information on them. It also depends on the type of industry you want to go into as there are more for computing than there are for English for example.

I found out about it by talking to my Level 3 teacher who had contacts at Hertfordshire University. They also advertised it on the University website too.

After I finished college I guess I just knew what I wanted to do and I knew the path I wanted to go down so my inspiration is myself in a way.

How long have you been doing this apprenticeship?

Overall, the degree apprenticeship is 4 years long and I am currently in my third year. I have also completed both my Level 2 and 3 as well.

Why did you choose this over other pathways?

It's always something that I've wanted to do and after I completed my A-levels and from that I just thought that it was the next step to do. Doing a degree apprenticeship helps to give you the experience while also giving you a qualification at the end of it and it can also lead to permanent positions too.

How did you find it to begin with, was it difficult?

When I first started it wasn't too difficult. I only go into university one day a week which allows me to take the rest of the week to look back and reflect on what we did.

Have you been able to balance this and going to uni well and what is the most exciting project that you've worked on?

For me, balancing it wasn't too hard, actually going into university is one day a week and it's actually a half day so I'm only there from 9-12. The most exciting project that I have done has to be a Dragons den project we did. We had to pitch ideas and it was very interesting to do.

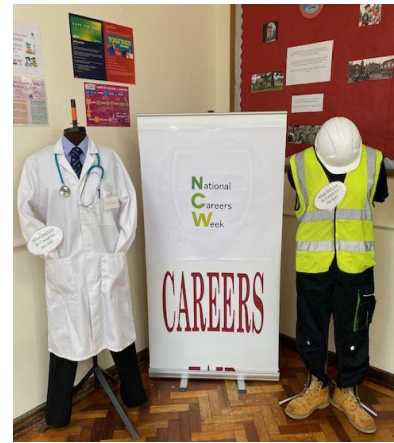
Who has inspired you and why?

My biggest challenge has to be the modules that we have to do at university. Some of them are really difficult as they are completely different to what you are actually learning and it's really hard sometimes.



National Careers Week

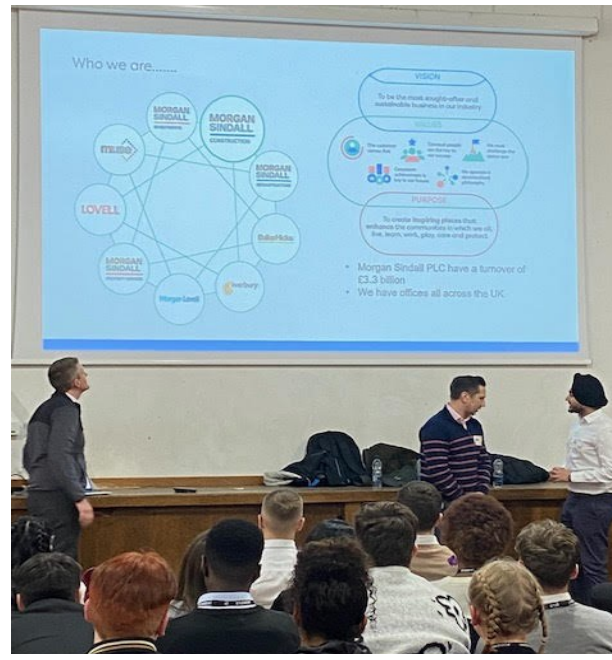
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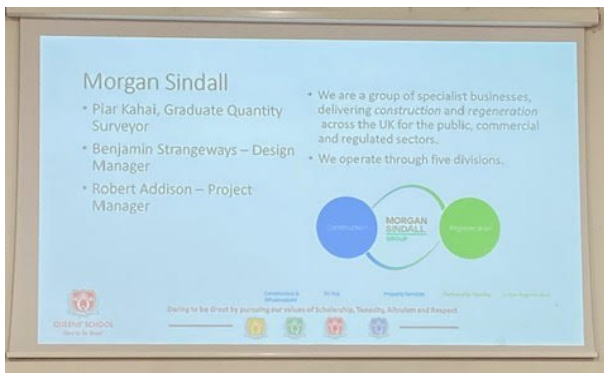
National Careers Week was a talking point for students as they were greeted in the North and South canteen by different trades, including a Fashion Designer, Lawyer, Doctor and Construction worker. Activities in Form and Life Long Learning were used to *'get the conversation going'* about jobs and careers. Guest speakers came in for assemblies. A competition for a Queens' Careers Logo was launched and there were prizes for the winner and runners up.

TYPES OF DOCTORS





Morgan Sindall visited our Sixth Form students in Face The Future Assembly and gave an insight into the construction world and pathways into the industry. Q & A's from the students during the presentation was encouraged.



Harrow College gave an insight to the courses they offer after GCSE's and spoke about T Levels, apprenticeships and their Btech subjects. They played a video of the campus showing the investment they have received.

QuFitness, based at **Queens' gym** visited our Year 8 students and spoke about the importance of health and nutarian and the fitness industry. Sam Harper is part of our Queens' Alumni.

