



# The Westwood Academy

## “Inspiring Futures”



### Spotlight Careers

#### Science



#### Vet

Veterinary Nurse

Chemical Engineer

Chemist

Food Scientist

Laboratory Technician

Pathologist

Pharmacologist

Psychologist

Sports Scientist

Research Scientist

Microbiologist

Metrologist

Garment Technologist

Ecologist

Audiologist

**How many more can  
you think of?**

### Jargonbuster

**Transferrable skills** – Also known as ‘soft skills’ or ‘portable skills’, these are skills used in one job or career that can also be used in another, rather than relying on direct experience of the industry. For example, leadership, organisation, problem solving communication and teamwork skills.

You are developing these skills all the time in your lessons!



### Westwood Staff Career Journey

**Name:** Ms Howells

**Current Job:** Teacher of Dance



**Pathway:** After gaining GCSE’s and A Levels in a school in Yorkshire, I completed a three year Creative Arts Degree in Art, Drama and Dance. I then took a job as an actress for a few years and I was a bass player in a band. By the age of 24, I decided to specialise and I completed a Post Graduate Dance course at the Laban Centre in London. I lived off the money I earned as a medieval serving wench in a medieval banqueting hall by the Tower of London and I made my own jewellery and had a stall every Saturday outside the National Theatre on the South Bank. After graduating my first job was called ‘Dancer in Residence’ based in Coventry, from here I built up my own business teaching dance. A few years later, I qualified as a keep fit instructor and finally I completed the Post Graduate Teacher Training Programme to teach more permanently in schools. Of all of the schools I visited while I was self-employed Westwood was my favourite so I became a full time teacher here. Now I am still challenged and still learning as I teach other subjects as well as dance.

### “Westwood Week of Work”

November marked our first ever Westwood Week of Work. Pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 took part in a variety of activities across the curriculum designed to help them to better understand how the subjects that they study link to careers and the world of work.

Year 10 took part in CV writing workshops and a virtual work experience run by Barclays whilst Key Stage 3 pupils became journalists in English, developed their employability skills in PE and carried out careers research in Science.

The week included a variety of careers competitions and quizzes. Congratulations to 7MM winners of the careers alphabet challenge with a huge score of 127 and a list of careers ranging from architect to zoologist!



**Check out the careers area of the school website to view our careers programme and follow us on @academywestwood for regular careers tweets!**



**Exciting Times Ahead for Year 11!**

Year 11 pupils have all had a careers interview this term. A reminder that applications are now open for local colleges and sixth forms and we would encourage Year 11 pupils to continue to do their research and get applications in as soon as possible or register interest in apprenticeships. These are generally made through the relevant websites. Don't forget that there are a variety of virtual open events happening that pupils can book onto. The process for interviews will very likely be adapted in the light of Covid so listen carefully for updates and check your emails regularly after making applications. Careers staff are here to help you so please ask.

**Good Luck!**

**What's your skill?**

Employers are looking for strong **SKILLS** .

Can you describe a time when you showed



**Time Management?**

Think about a time where you have been involved in something either inside or outside school that has required you to have good time management skills. Have you had to juggle the demands of meeting coursework deadlines with revision, homework and football training for example? Do you have a paper round to complete before school? Do you manage to do your homework and still watch your favourite programme on television?

**VWEX or Virtual Work Experience**

A group of 20 pupils in Year 10 have been part of an exciting project looking to develop a virtual work experience platform for use across schools in Coventry. Our pupils worked as a focus group to provide feedback to the creative team at Real Immersive, the company responsible for developing the platform "Real Careers". They also took part in the launch of the pilot platform where they were able to view the results of their feedback, interact virtually with employees and the workplace and carry out a work based task. The experience resulted in some excellent feedback for our pupils on the coffee branding and marketing task that they carried out and a much better understanding of what it might be like to work in the creative industries.

**Never Too Early To Think About Careers!**

Year 7 pupils now have their login details to Kudos our online careers platform and have received training in how to use the website. Pupils can login at home or at school and use Kudos to explore the world of careers. Some suggestions to get started;

- Search for careers linked to subjects that you enjoy at school
- Search for careers linked to subjects that you are good at



**Complete the quizzes and let Kudos suggest careers that you might be well suited to and follow us on @academywestwood for regular careers tweets!**