

ST DAMIANS RC SCIENCE COLLEGE

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



By Mr D Healey



WELCOME!

Welcome to the St. Damian's termly Careers newsletter!

This newsletter may be used as a resource to discover new career paths, find out about careers events happening inside and out of school and every term, a teachers journey into teaching and the other jobs they have done will be put under the spotlight.

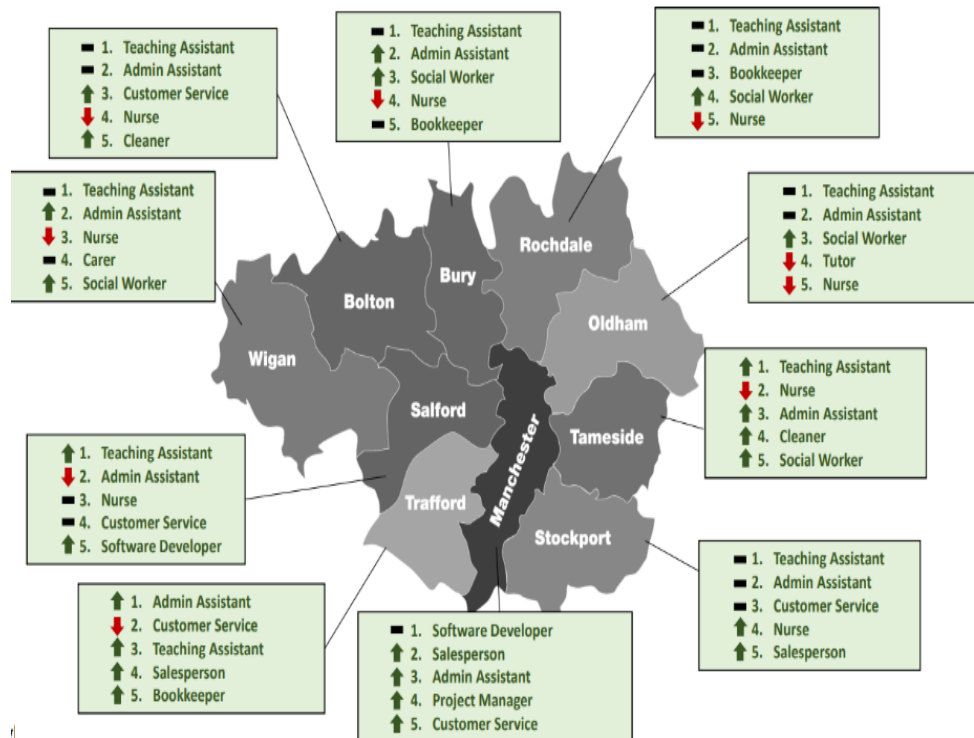


APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

During our National Apprenticeship week **week (5th-9th Feb 2024)** this year, students will be listening to a talk from the apprenticeship provider The Growth Company, where they will learn what apprenticeship levels they can do, the benefits of apprenticeships and the careers it allows students to discover. There will also be activities during form-time for students to learn about the different apprenticeships available in Manchester.

Careers Week

Careers week runs from 4th -9th March in school this year. You will learn about the different careers opportunities in different subjects and hear from various speakers about their career paths. Watch this space!



Labour Market Information

- 1) What is the most in demand job in Tameside?
- 2) What job appears the most 'in demand' in the whole of Greater Manchester?

This is the **Labour Market information** in Greater Manchester.

It shows you the **top 5 in demand jobs** in each area of Greater Manchester.

Health and Social Care is the largest single workforce in GM – employing around 13% of workers. Manchester, Stockport, Bolton, and Salford see the biggest concentrations of demand, primarily around hospital and NHS trust sites.



IMPORTANT DATES

Work experience deadline – 26th January 2024

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

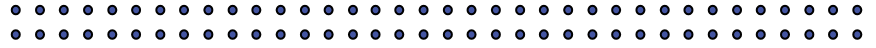
Ashton Sixth Form – 5th January 2024

Connell Co-Op College – 12th January 2024

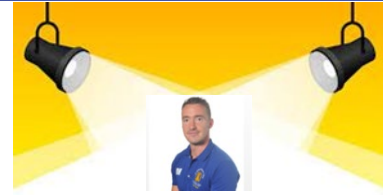
Loreto College – 12th January 2024

Clarendon Sixth Form - 15th January 2024

Xaverian College – 19th January 2024



Careers under the spotlight



Mr D Healey PE Teacher Careers Coordinator

If you didn't become a teacher, what career do you think you would have pursued?

I used to want to be in the Police when I was really young, however the older I got the more I wanted to be involved in sports in some way. I initially wanted to be a sports physiotherapist and then a sports journalist before teaching. I liked the idea of watching sport, writing about it and getting paid for it so probably that.

What was the worst job you had?

The worst job I ever had was working for a company that used to ring people up to try and sell them conservatories. I was stuck in a call centre and just given a list of numbers to ring. It was so boring and I hated it. I eventually ended up leaving after I didn't sell any conservatories and I realised I didn't want to go into Sales. It actually helped me as I ended up thinking more deeply about what I wanted my career to be.

Who or what influenced your career?

Probably my PE teacher Mr Meredith. He just seemed to really enjoy his job. My Gran used to tell me "find a job you love to do and you'll never work a day in your life" and this was the first time I think I saw someone really enjoy what they do, it made me want to do it.

What's the best career advice you have ever been given?

Find a career in something you are interested in. It sound's obvious but you spend a long time working so you should enjoy what you do and have a passion for it.

Once you left school, what pathway did you take?

I went to a sixth form college near me called Holy Cross. There I studied 4 AS Levels in my first year - Law, Psychology, Physical Education and English Literature. In my second year, I dropped English Literature and got an A in PE and a B in Law and Psychology. From there I went to Leeds Beckett University but it was called Leeds Met at the time studying Secondary Physical Education with QTS (qualified teacher status). University was amazing and I found it such a great experience. I lived in Leeds rather than commuting and I really felt I got the full university experience.

What was your first job?

My first part time job was actually at Subway. I loved it. I got free subways when I was working and got to work with some great people. It taught me the importance of hard work and earning my own money.

Did you do work experience and if so, what did you do for it?

I actually worked in the PE department of another local school. This was my first experience of teaching and I was quite sporty anyway so seemed like a natural fit. I really enjoyed it and my time flew by. It was probably the moment I decided this is what I wanted to do as a career.

What other questions would you ask Mr Healey regarding work and career paths?

Career Advice Websites

Careers advice – A website designed at guiding you through your education route or finding a job that is right for you.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice>

HowToBecome – A website that covers all things when choosing a career. From training, to certificates to salary.

<https://www.how2become.com/>

