

SPOTLIGHT ON

CAREERS



at Ash Croft Primary Academy

Ash Croft Primary Academy are part of the Our Future Derby programme which aims to inspire children and connect primary schools in Abbey, Arboretum, Boulton, Chaddesden, Derwent, Normanton, and Sinfen with the world of work.

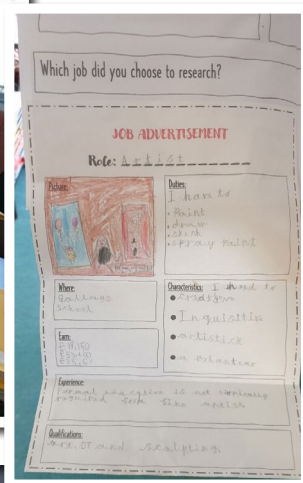
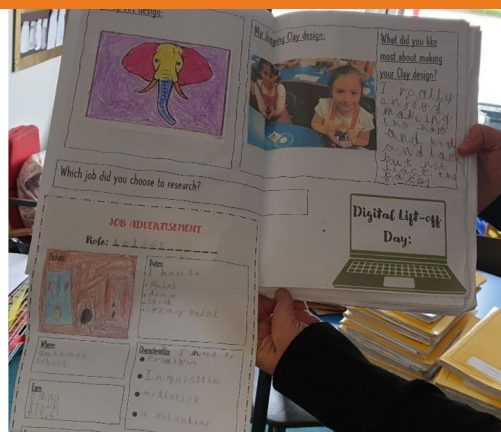
Let's take a look at the fantastic work being done to broaden the horizons of the pupils at Ash Croft Primary Academy.

Pupils got to explore how to become Decorators, Painters, Gardeners, Builders, Engineers, Designers, Conservationists, and Sustainability and Wildlife Experts in a combined effort with the local community to maximise the outdoor space. Pupils painted the fence and shed, and planted a herb garden and fruit plants. They also made a wildlife garden, bee area and bird feeders and even created beautiful designs on pebbles!



When the school had their fabulous outdoor provision made by a local Derby based company, they worked with the company to link their work to careers, highlighting the process of sustainable development and the importance of using local businesses to boost the economy.

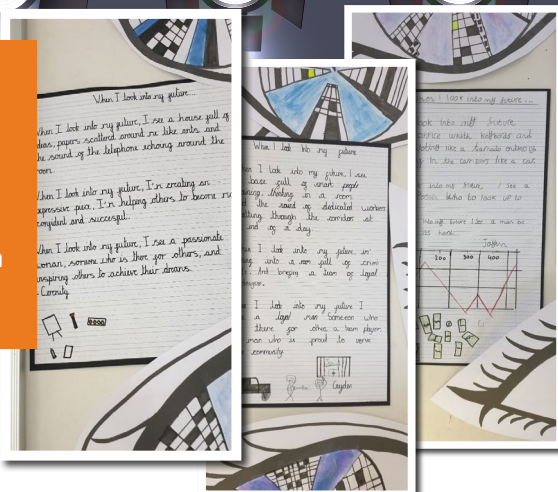
Here is an example of a Year 3 student's work on Digital Lift-off Day where career aspirations were explored.



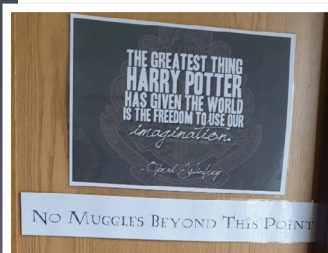
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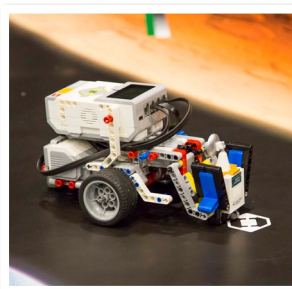
Visualising your future can help you to achieve the life you want most. Year 6 pupils looked into their own future and wrote these superb poems called 'When I look into my future'.



Ash Croft Primary Academy children use the library to explore different careers and to develop their research skills.



Inspirational Role Models can be found all over the school and each class is named after an Author.



In June, Ash Croft Primary Academy are working with the Our Future Derby team to deliver a 2-day, whole school event called S.T.E.A.M. Futures. Each class rotate around a carousel of activities to inspire pupils around a range of careers. We explore careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths with career volunteers to support alongside hands on activities.



Let's hear from Headteacher, Emma Luff on why career related learning is so important at Ash Croft Primary Academy:



'The Harmony Trust Key competencies link really well into the pupil's curriculum with their future and their jobs. By ensuring the children are understanding why we need these skills, we are supporting them with seeing the bigger picture. We have linked up with the local Secondary School, City of Derby Academy, to ensure our Careers-Related Learning is embedded within the curriculum in a joined-up approach where we build sustainable links and use their facilities as well. We share best practice with Landau Forte Academy Derby Moorhead. We have critically evaluated all of the curriculum areas and

decided the best way forward is a whole-school approach where we incorporate digital technology. Each pupil in KS2, not just our disadvantaged pupils, have been allocated an iPad to address the digital technology gap. This device will go home with them and be used in school, set up to revolutionise our curriculum and prepare our students for the future. We are preparing our pupils for a future job market and world. Our Future Derby has helped us to network with the wider career ambassadors, provide opportunities to our pupils such as STEAM Future days which tie in amazingly with our Harmony Pledge. We are really looking forward to the Our Future Derby workshops in June.'

We want to stay connected to hear your views on career-related learning for your child(ren). We would be most grateful if you could please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Please be assured your answers will be treated anonymously:

Either scan the QR code or visit this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OFD2021_PARENTS_SURVEY



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Parental support in nurturing children's aspirations, alongside structured career related learning in schools, provides a foundation for capturing children's aspirations and influences the learning and work decisions they make in the future.

Why not take this opportunity to talk to your child about their hopes and dreams for the future?

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