

L4L HAS BEEN A BUSY PLACE

Our Y7 students are currently investigating their skills and interests in L4L with the assistance of Y9 Career ambassadors, completing part of the Talentino Career course. During the lessons, students have read and answered a variety of statements honestly, that are then linked to core skills, such as leadership, use of technology and analysis. Following this, they will have time in lesson to research a variety of careers in detail, which are aligned to their identified core skills.

The Y8 cohort are diligently researching GCSE courses offered at Minsthorpe Community College in KS4 and are beginning to future plan. Mr Dowey (Careers Leader) showed students a number of websites that students can use to research their options, during the presentation the students found out about University courses and how they can achieve the entry requirements. The students also found out about University costs and student finance, they now know that you need to earn over £21,000 before they will start paying their loan back.

The students found out about A Levels and how certain GCSE subjects are required to access A Levels, Y8 students are now researching GCSE choices and how these can progress further to P16 and beyond, linking to possible career choices, salary details, training requirements and skills. A core group of students have tracked backwards, they believe they know the career they wish to have and are now tracking back to ensure that the GCSE choices support their chosen career pathways. To round off the investigations, students will have informal 1-1 interviews with staff to discuss GCSE choices and their research.

The Y10 cohort are busy preparing their CVs in detail, focusing on skills they are developing, linking to careers and their future. After Easter everyone will participate in a 15 minute interview with an external person from the business industry. Students will receive feedback regarding their CV and discuss in detail their future. Students will have the opportunity to thoroughly prepare and practise for the interview, reviewing questions and discussing posture, language choices, and general presentation. This will be their first opportunity to practise before applying for college or apprenticeships.

DERMALOGICA COMES TO MINSTHORPE

Dermalogica is top American company providing quality skin care products for professional use in the beauty salon.

Our trainee beauty therapists will receive bespoke training from Dermalogica staff here at our college beauty training salon, in May.

The action packed day will allow our students to learn prescriptive skin treatment and professional products through a live demonstration and with plenty of discussion time!



The training will also cover the foundation to effective retailing. An interactive session that highlights how easy it is to personalise skin care recommendations, will prepare our students for when they qualify and work in a real beauty salon.

Finally the training will uncover Dermalogica's top products and how to 'prep and prime' a skin prior to creating the perfect makeup look. Students will get some hands-on practice in this session.

Certificates are awarded on the day which will impress any future employer.

During science week, a group of our Y9's are attending Leeds University for an interactive session on weather and water. These students have chosen separate sciences as options for their GCSE's. The students will see first-hand some of the facilities available at the university and will give them a brief insight as to the opportunities available Post 16.

Miss Morgan is running the 'Direct Marketing Challenge' again this year. 4 Year 8 pupils (Kaden Manu, Darcey Tanguay, Tia Howcroft and Faith Sheridan) are working together to create a piece of direct marketing that will help to raise money for 'The Wakefield Hospice'.

They will present their ideas to a panel on the 29th March; they are competing for the chance to have their ideas used by 'The Wakefield Hospice' and have their piece of direct marketing distributed locally.

THE NEW CAREERS STRATEGY LAUNCH

Minsthorpe was delighted to be chosen to host the Careers and Enterprise launch, of the new Careers strategy, which was held on the 1st February. Our attendance was the highest so far from the roadshow events. Mr Henshaw (Principal) opened the event and talked about the excellent careers activities that take place here at Minsthorpe, and our hopes for the future. Speakers then presented Information to the audience, speaking about the Careers strategy, Statutory Guidance and how the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks can be met.

Mr Dowey (Careers Leader, Minsthorpe Community College) and Mr Sleigh (Enterprise Lead) spoke about the Careers Education and Guidance that happens within school at the moment and how these work towards the Gatsby Benchmarks.

We reviewed our Careers Programme in November 2017 - We achieved over 75% in all but one of the eight benchmarks.

From the information gathered from the review we are looking at our weaknesses and working towards developing these targeted areas to make sure our students get the best possible CEIAG service.

The national average is 1.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

During National Apprenticeship week we have Wakefield Council and WDH coming into the MAP Office to promote their school leaver apprenticeships – If your son/daughter is interested in an apprenticeship then they should drop in and see them. WDH will be in on the 7th March and Wakefield Council will be in on the 9th March.



We will also be looking at different job role and Labour Market Information within P & A time – the areas we will be exploring are Hospitality, Travel and Tourism as well as Construction, there will be video talks from a Hotel Manager and a plumber. In April we will follow this up with two more Careers areas, we will look at Transport, warehouse and Logistics as well as Creative Digital Media Industries, and again there will be talks from two professionals working in these areas.

OTHER CAREERS RELATED INFORMATION

Mr Henshaw has been asked to do a presentation on Schools and Apprenticeships at the ASCL National Conference on March 9th, we currently employ 4 apprentices and we also won an apprenticeship award from Wakefield College last year.

We are also working with the Careers & Enterprise Company and the Leeds City Region LEP on setting up a Careers Hub Network of schools in West Yorkshire.

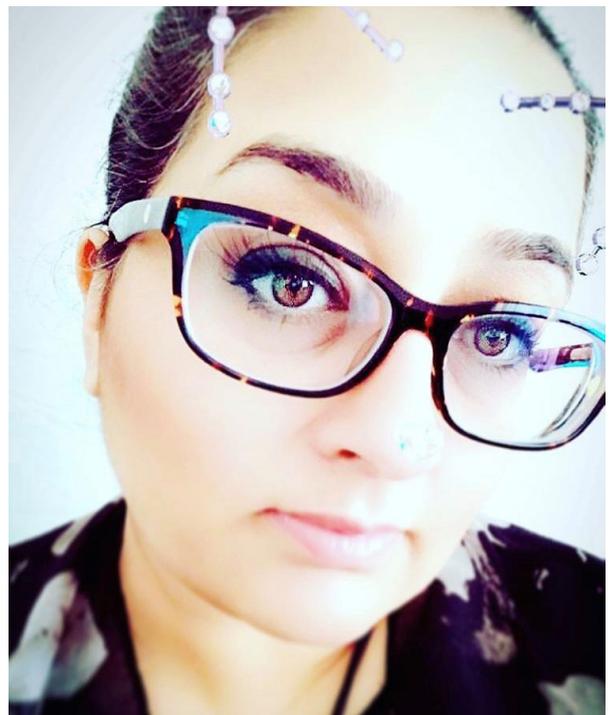
CAREERS FOCUS: ROBINA SHAH

Name: Robina Shah

Age: 44

What job do you currently hold? Sock Designer at a Leeds based company that supply to brands such as Matalan, ASOS, Asda, Debenhams and Tesco to name a few.

What inspired you to become a designer? I love all things creative, so did BTEC National diploma in Art and Design before deciding to follow the fashion designing route and completed a BA(Hons) Fashion design with marketing and promotions at Huddersfield university. My degree was so much fun and gave me lots of skills and experience, so that I was prepared to enter the Fashion design industry.



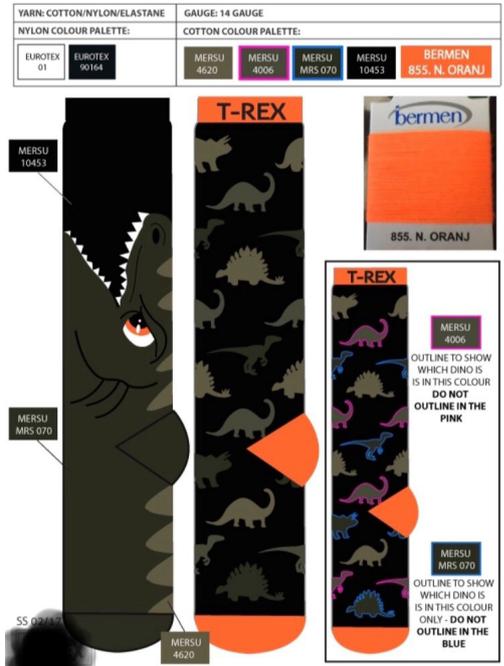
What do you enjoy most about your job? The creative side of designing, using Adobe Illustrator to produce computer aided designs and mood boards. I enjoy carrying out research to gain inspiration for prints and graphics as well as sourcing fabrics and trims to complete the design process.

What does your typical day look like? Jam packed with emails from buyers about briefs of what they require for a particular season which they require ASAP, meaning I have to work to tight deadlines to create designs that would suit their company and customers. I also deal with merchandisers and factories in Turkey and China to make sure the design is created accordingly.

What are the perks of the job? I love to travel so I really enjoy travelling to meetings with buyers or suppliers, I also get to go on comparative shopping trips to places like Amsterdam and New York to research trends and inspiration.

What can you expect to earn as a designer? It can vary quite a lot, depending on the company and product, some are more specialised than others, but graduate salaries start at about £18000-£25000, earning up to £50000+ in a managerial role.

Any advice for someone who is looking to go into this type of career? Consider choosing the Textiles Design technology route, to learn key skills in designing and sewing garments/ products. Keep a sketchbook with you all the times and jot down ideas and stick interesting things in it that inspire you. Watch catwalk shows online or on the television for what the high end designers are doing as that is what the high street look at for ideas and lastly create inspirational mood boards with colours and think about what will be in fashion at least a year ahead of your time - this can be something different that hasn't been done before or revival of something old anything you feel strongly will be a BIG trend.



WORK SKILLS COURSES

The Preparation for Apprenticeship Course (Work skills) is a course designed at getting students into employment (it is either a one year course at Level 2 or a two year course, Level 1 and Level 2). Students have a work experience placement tailored to their desired area of interest and study for three days in school completing work skills modules based around work experience, community involvement and preparation for careers. They complete the course gaining a Level 2 Work Skills Diploma. Last year 12 out of 14 students successfully gained employment whilst 2 others continued with their education

The Year 14 HLTA qualification allows students who have completed their A Levels a further year to gain accreditation as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Students undertake a year-long placement with a department at Minsthorpe Community College or a local partner primary school also having day release to attend sessions run by Leeds Trinity University, at Minsthorpe Training and Conference Centre, on the process of gaining HLTA status. Two students this year are well on their way to achieving the required status.