



SPOTLIGHT ON

# CAREERS



## at Bemrose Primary School

### Who are Our Future Derby and why are you working with primary schools?

Good question! We are a team made up of different organisations working with primary school children to broaden their view of careers and support them in aiming high. We bring volunteers from the world of work into the classroom to inspire children and open their eyes to their future possibilities. Derby has been chosen as the first city in the UK to be a part of this programme!

### What is Career-related learning?

Career-related learning is designed to raise pupils' aspirations and provide an insight into a wide range of different careers. It also helps pupils link what they learn in school to the world of work. Research shows us that starting career-related learning early is important. Pupils start to adopt stereotypes based on gender, ethnicity and social background from an early age. Such stereotypes can go on to influence career and subject choices so it's important to challenge stereotypes they may hold. Career-related learning aims to have a positive impact on children's future life choices.



### Let's take a closer look at one of the careers activities at our school.

Bemrose had a fantastic fun-filled week of careers, at the end of June, kickstarted by a Dress up Day where pupils and staff dressed up as their dream roles.

This was followed by an entertaining day of hands-on activities and career chats with the team from Our Future Derby and the British Army. Our Future Derby often say 'you can't be what you can't see' so this was a great opportunity for pupils to meet a range of career ambassadors.





## Hear from the Ambassadors and team who worked with Bemrose Primary's Year 6 classes.

"Starting your Careers Journey within Primary School allows students to start building their skills set from an early age, whilst promoting the development of life and employability skills at the heart of the careers provision. With this in mind we have worked in conjunction with Learn By Design for some of our Primary Careers Events, which have involved meeting local employers virtually and face to face, iRail (STEAM Project) and Aspiration Workshops. Giving our students the opportunity to explore their aspirations is a vital part of their education."

**Claire Pavitt, Lead in Careers Delivery at The Bemrose School and Sixth Form**

"The Aspirations Day was a great opportunity for younger children to be introduced to a range of careers, some they had never heard of. The game "What's My Job?" encouraged children to ask a number of yes/no questions, which added an element of intrigue and excitement about the world of work. This was followed by smaller, focussed networking groups allowing the children to find out lots more detail about each job. What a great age to be introduced to a range of employers and the skills they will need in their future careers."

**Helen Guyatt, E4E Co-ordinator, Enterprise for Education**

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**“ My message to the pupils at Bemrose Primary School is:**

**Believe in your infinite potential. The only limitations are those you set upon yourself. ”**

"We (the army) don't recruit, we're there to inspire and to enrich the students so that they have the confidence to do any career they want.

The three of us had a good day, the Students were excellent, very enthusiastic and a credit to Bemrose Primary.

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**Major John Ahern, British Army**

"You may have heard about recent visitors to Bemrose Primary School. I was one of them and your child might have been one that I spoke to. It was a great opportunity to meet pupils and chat. You may be wondering what it was all about if your child mentioned that the day was different. I was able to share my knowledge and experience and the pupils were able to talk about their interests, ideas, thoughts and ask questions - lots of questions. Chats like that can be enlightening, informative and inspirational."

**Volunteer and Community Resident**

**“ The Our Future Derby programme helps link city primary schools with the wider business community. It provides insights for pupils and teachers to professions, careers and local business. ”**

**Support from events like these help pupils and teachers and can also involve parents, carers and other family members. Your school is taking part. You can find out more, just ask about Our Future Derby in school.'**

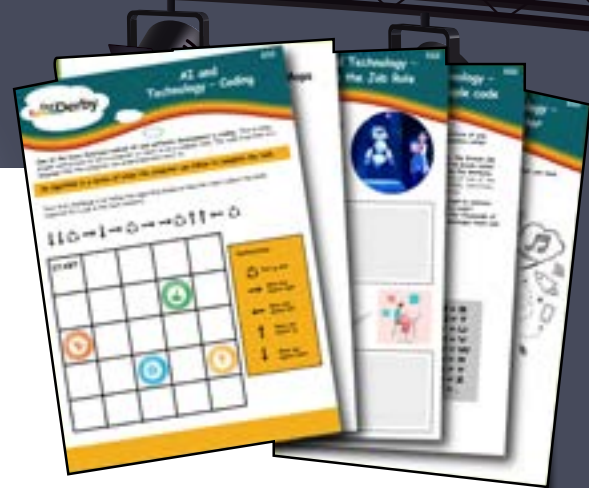
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## Did you know we have a portal full of amazing resources?!

Click the link below and discover career-related learning at home. We promise you it's lots of fun!

<https://ourfuture.startprofile.com/page/home-page>



## Do you want to volunteer and see Our Future Derby for yourself?

Volunteer Today! 

Our Future Derby is calling for parents and carers living and working in Derby, to volunteer and become great role models. It doesn't matter what seniority level or sector you work in as we want to ensure the children get to hear from a diverse range of voices. We know young people need inspiration now more than ever and in Derby the local voice is really powerful. **If you can spare just an hour of your time, or more, then we encourage you to sign up.** Activities can be virtual or face to face and you can be matched to your child's school or other schools in your area. The choice is yours, but our team are here to help you every step of the way. By sharing your story, you have the power to open children's eyes and get them excited about the future. **You will be surprised what an impact sharing your story will make!**

Find out more and sign up here:

<https://www.inspiringthefuture.org/our-future-derby/>

### Can you spare 5 minutes to give us your thoughts?

The Our Future Derby team 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 via the link below. Please be assured your answers will be treated anonymously:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OFD2021\\_PARENTS\\_SURVEY](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OFD2021_PARENTS_SURVEY)

We really appreciate your engagement in our programme. 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.



## HELPFUL TIPS

### Helpful tips for having career chats with your child.

- Ask your child what they want to be when they are older.
- Link this job to the subjects they enjoy in school.
- Ask what skills they think are important for this job.
- Share your own journey of what you wanted to be as a child.
- Share your dreams and goals with your child.
- Sites like the Start Platform can help you and your child research routes into different careers:  
<https://d2n2.startprofile.com/page/home-page>
- Remind them they can be whatever they want to be!

*Many thanks and best wishes from the Our Future Derby team!*

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

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